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WOULD MAKE STATES ALLY OF GERMANY

Effect of Giving in on Question of Armed Merchantmen

WOULD BE UNNEUTRAL ACT, SAYS SENATOR LODGE

Warns Senate at Washington It Would Be Step Toward War

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Lodge, ranking minority member of the foreign relations committee, made a speech in the senate to-day, declaring that abandonment by the United States at this time of the principle that its ports are open to and its citizens free to travel upon merchantmen of belligerent nations armed solely for defensive purposes would be an unneutral act and a step toward war. He said it would make the United States the ally of the belligerent whose merchant marine had been swept from the seas.

As late as President Wilson's note of May 13, 1915, signed by Mr. Bryan, Senator Lodge said, this government recognized that "American citizens were within their undisputed rights in taking British ships and in traveling wherever their legitimate business called them upon the high seas."

Recognized By All.

"Such," he added, "has been the practice of all nations in regard to armed merchantmen. It seems utterly incredible that this position should be altered in any way now or that our government should be ready to surrender the unquestioned rights of Americans to travel or ship goods on belligerent merchantmen under all the rules which have been established by the courts and by all international authorities for at least two centuries. The abandonment of those rights by any neutral government on the ground that the invention of submarines, with the necessary limitations upon the powers of capture possessed by those boats, is inconceivable. Such abandonment could rest only on the ground that the rights of neutrals, under the rules which for centuries have been agreed upon by all nations for the protection of innocent lives upon vessels captured in war, must be thrown aside and discarded in order that a new instrument of maritime destruction must not be impeded in its work of death and murder. Such a doctrine is revolting to every instinct of humanity, to every principle of law and justice.

"There is, however, another side to the matter which is of even graver importance. There can be no question that any act by a netral which follows conditions created by the war is an unneutral act and places the neutral upon the side of one belligerent or the other.

"This is eminently true of any form of embargo and there is no need that I should repeat the unanswerable argument on this point embodied by Mr. Lansing in his note of last August to the government of Austria-Hungary.

Step Toward War.

"The war, and the war alone, has created also conditions under which any change at this time in the attitude which we took officially at the outset of the war in regard to armed merchantmen would be an unneutral act. The merchantmen of one belligerent have been swept from the seas. Therefore if we should abandon all the principles on this subject that we have ever sustained, if we should abandon the rules laid down by Mr. Bryan in his circular of September, 1914, and declare that our ports were closed to armed merchantmen, or that goods and passengers from the United States could not be placed on an uncommissioned merchantman armed solely for self-defence, our action would affect only one belligerent; it would alter conditions created by the war and would therefore be unneutral. It would make us at once the ally of the belligerent whose merchant marine has been driven from the seas. It would be a step toward war.

"I cannot believe that the administration thinks for a moment of altering the well-defined position which it took at the outset of the European war, and I believe that it must stand as firmly on this question as it has on the question of the embargo. Should it act otherwise it would accept a humiliation and incur a danger of war from which even the boldest and most unscrupulous would shrink."

CANADIAN CAVALRY TRAINING IN FRANCE

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—The third draft of Strathcona's Horse, which left Winnipeg on Jan. 18, is now at the cavalry base at Calais, France, according to a private cable message. The detachment made a speedy trip to the seat of war. It forms part of a regiment of 580 men, composed mostly of cavalry withdrawn from the trenches recently to get in training for the big drive.

Lieut. J. T. Tatlow is one of the officers. He commanded the first draft.

BEAVER CLUB OUT FOR A CANDIDATE

Seeks for an "Independent" in Attempt to Injure Liberal Chances

VANCOUVER THIRD MAN LOSES LABOR SUPPORT

Trades and Labor Council Has No Use for ex-Mayor Taylor in That City

Already the attempts of the Conservative machine to get some third candidate to run in the by-election as an independent with the object, if possible, of cutting into the Liberal vote, to which reference was made in these columns yesterday, are being made.

The matter has been taken up actively by the Beaver club and W. H. Price, campaign manager for Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt, minister of finance, and it is understood that the names of several men have been considered as possible candidates who might effect the object of the organization, at the expense of the club. Some of these have turned down the proposition flatly.

It was rumored this morning that Hugh Macdonald, contractor, Pandora avenue, had been approached and asked to allow his name to go before the electors as an independent candidate, and that the organization which was moving in the matter and offering to finance the campaign was the notorious Beaver club.

When asked by a Times representative this afternoon if he was to be a candidate, Mr. Macdonald said: "It is perfectly absurd. I have not been approached. I never was a member of the Beaver club. I never thought of such a thing as being a candidate, and I would not run if I was asked by anyone."

This evening the adjourned meeting of the Victoria Liberal association will be held in the K. of P. hall for the purpose of electing officers for the positions for which a ballot has to be taken. Members are asked to present their cards at the door.

A meeting of Ward Five Liberal association is called for to-morrow evening, at the Liberal headquarters in the Arcade building.

The "independent" candidate in Vancouver, ex-mayor L. D. Taylor, who is being backed and financed by the government interests, will find himself minus a large portion of the support upon which he and those who seek to injure the chances of the Liberal candidate by his aid counted.

Mr. Taylor has always made a grandstand play for the labor vote, and as a mayoralty candidate contrived to get it with the assistance of some of the so-called labor leaders of Vancouver. He believed he would get it at the provincial by-election also, but last night he got a rude shock. The Trades and Labor Council met to discuss the attitude of organized labor in the campaign, and it was decided that ex-mayor Taylor should not be endorsed.

The sort of trickery being resorted to by the Conservative party in its attempts to hamper the opposition in the campaign is shown in the issue of the writ for the Vancouver by-election. It was given as a matter of surmise only in the papers supporting the government as late as early this week that the date would be February 24, and no definite information could be obtained as to whether or not the writ had been issued.

From the B. C. Gazette to-day it appears that the writ was issued on Saturday last, February 12. Two days earlier, on Thursday, William Nelson Carty had been appointed as returning officer. Three days after the issue of the writ the attorney-general's department prepared a proclamation establishing the polling places for the by-election, these being Pender hall, Dominion hall, Orange hall, City hall, Oddfellows' hall, Fairview hall, Finnish hall and Ash's hall.

The Prince Rupert Daily News, which apparently has been misled into a Teutonic spelling of the name of the minister of finance through the example of a Victoria Conservative ward association, has this to say editorially on Mr. Flumerfelt's position:

"Hon. A. C. Flumerfeldt has already made his bow to the Conservatives in Victoria, on which occasion he waxed eloquent on the fact that the Romans devoted much attention to road building, this by way of trying to justify the pawning of the province to fill the coffers of the Mackenzie-Mann outfit. Mr. Flumerfeldt must have delighted the heart of the proprietor of the Colonist in his airship flights through the realms of history. Incidentally, what the Romans did in Britain and what Bowser and his friends have done in British Columbia have nothing in common, but the speech served its purpose in that it covered up thoroughly the real issues of the election."

Asquith Will Ask Vote of Credit of $2,000,000,000 Soon

London, Feb. 18.—A vote of credit amounting to approximately £400,000,000 will be asked by Mr. Asquith in the house of commons.

The new vote will bring up the total of war appropriations to £2,062,000,000.

GERMANS SENDING MONEY TO STATES

Paish Believes They Are Doing This as Precautionary Measure

FEAR OF REVOLUTION IN GERMANY INCREASING

London, Feb. 18.—Sir George Paish, editor of the Statist, writes:

Germany is financing the war by creating higher prices for commodities, thus giving the wealthy classes huge profits out of which to subscribe to the war loans at the expense of the working classes. Wages in the British Isles have risen in proportion to the rise in the cost of living. In Germany, notwithstanding the enormous rise in prices, wages have been prevented from rising, except to an inappreciable extent. In the United Kingdom the advance in retail prices since the war began has been 47 per cent., but in Germany it has been nearly 90 per cent.

Whether there will be a revolution in Germany after the war doubtless will depend on the results of the war, but it is evident that uneasiness in Germany in that respect is constantly increasing.

To United States.

It would not be surprising to learn that some of the people in Germany, who are making great fortunes out of the war are endeavoring to take precautionary measures—for what may happen after the war by transferring their profits to the United States. At the National City bank in New York about $1,000,000,000 was deposited last year. Some of this certainly came from Germany. Signs are not wanting that the German government is nervous about this transfer.

The continued heavy fall in the exchange rate of the German mark is a sign that all is not well in Germany, but if it is due to the endeavors of the wealthy men in Germany to place part of their immense profits abroad as a precaution against the future it is still more significant.

The exchange rate of the mark has now fallen to a discount of over 21 per cent. Indeed it will not be surprising if the exchange difficulties of Germany before long will bring about large gold exports and a rapid diminution in the Reichbank's stock of gold.

One must not assume that the financial difficulties of Germany will bring about peace in the near future. Nevertheless they are bringing the end of the war appreciably nearer.

RUSSIANS MAY MOVE AGAINST SIVAS SOON

Capture of Erzerum Has Dislocated All Plans of Turks

Petrograd, Feb. 18.—The capture of Erzerum, the great Turkish base, tends to disrupt the whole Caucasus campaign of the Turks, as it not only served as a base of the operations in the Caucasus, but also of those in Mesopotamia. Its fall leaves no strongly fortified point between Erzerum and Sivas, about 230 miles to the west, and brings more to the front consideration of an actual attack upon Constantinople from the east.

An attempt to retake Erzerum is anticipated, but there are enormous difficulties attending the bringing up of Turkish reinforcements, as it is assumed that no part of the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia can be spared. The alternative for the Turks seems to be to draw upon those at Constantinople, from which all possible routes towards Erzerum are long and arduous. The most practical is by railway to Urfa, whence it would be necessary to march overland more than 200 miles.

The Black Sea route to Trebizond has become impractical because of the Russian domination of the Black Sea littoral. Sivas is regarded as the next probable objective of the Russian armies.

The capture of Erzerum has had the effect of making more secure the Russian positions along the Black Sea.

TIME HAS COME TO END PRODIGALITY

Canada's Expenditures Must Be Cut Down, Says Maclean, Halifax Member

NEXT LOAN SHOULD BE TRULY A POPULAR ONE

Tax on Business Profits Should Not Be Made Retroactive

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—"The fiscal year ended March 31 last showed a total expenditure of $237,000,000 and a deficit of $104,000,000," said A. K. Maclean, Liberal, Halifax, in the house of commons yesterday, dealing with the budget proposals. "The present fiscal year would have a total expenditure of $295,000,000 and a total deficit of $125,000,000 if the government should follow its present course, and the next fiscal year would show a total expenditure of $415,000,000 and a deficit of $245,000,000.

"This would mean that in three years the national debt would increase by $486,000,000 and would reach a total of $835,000,000, and with other loans to be made, there would be a debt of about $1,000,000,000 at the end of the next fiscal year.

"The interest payable on the national debt at the beginning of the war was $12,893,000 and by the end of the next fiscal year it would be $39,600,000. The government should realize the enormous extent to which the national debt is increasing and should eliminate all unnecessary expenditure, whether civil or military."

These statements were the outstanding feature of Mr. Maclean's address.

Balance of Trade.

He first took up the question of the favorable Canadian balance of trade. He thought that customs figures were hardly a true indication. The existence of a favorable trade balance did not necessarily mean sound business conditions. He pointed out that the exports and imports were not altogether confined to merchandise. Canada borrowed money abroad and paid out in interest yearly to Great Britain $50,000,000 and to the United States $350,000,000. These facts should be taken into consideration.

Should Be Popular Loan.

The finance minister had been justified in making the domestic loan because all the circumstances had been favorable. Everybody was pleased at the success of the loan. It might be some time before conditions would be as favorable for another loan. Capital was needed for the industries of this country and it would be a bad thing if the money should come chiefly from the banks. They played a big part in the business of the Dominion and too much money should not be diverted from this purpose. In making future loans, therefore, the government should see to it that they would be placed in the hands of permanent investors. In no sense had the recent loan been a popular loan. Its success had been due chiefly to the banks and financial institutions. The next loan should be a popular one, and special efforts should be made to encourage thrift and savings.

Mr. Maclean said that the domestic expenditure this year exceeded the revenue by $5,000,000. The surplus of revenue over ordinary expenditures was not being secured by economy, but by extra taxes. The surplus came from the people, not from the government. The ordinary expenditure was not being reduced. It was $126,000,000, or about the amount of the customs and excise of the year.

Reduction of Expenditure.

The minister had told of a surplus of $45,000,000 over ordinary expenditure. It could have been $75,000,000 if the government had tried to reduce the expenditure to the level of the year 1907-8, when it was $75,000,000. The finance minister had shown the ordinary capital and the war expenditures all separately. He never put them all together. The cards should have been put face up on the table so that the country could understand exactly where it stood.

Referring to the taxation measures of last session, Mr. Maclean said that up to January 31 last the war taxes had produced $22,000,000, probably three-quarters of which had come from

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Groups of Derby Recruits Called to Join March 18

London, Feb. 18.—Ten more groups of Derby recruits, including a class of the youngest married men, are being called to the colors, the order becoming effective March 18.

GERMAN PROPOSAL MUST BE OPPOSED

Course of United States Regarding Armed Merchantmen is Clear

SENATOR STERLING, S. DAKOTA, SPEAKS

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Sterling, of South Dakota, spoke to-day on his resolution to declare the senate's concern at the recent German announcement that German submarines would be ordered to sink without warning all armed merchant ships of the allies after February 29. He said the issue brought the United States to its "gravest international crisis."

"Instead of yielding to the claims of the German admiralty," he said, "their very mention should meet with vigorous protest. Instead of denying this old right of the sea we should now, of all times, vie with other nations in seeking to uphold it. It is possible some danger would be incurred but I do not much fear that the danger would be increased beyond what it is at present. I do know that, let horrors occur in which American lives are involved, this administration and the world will know that there is a real United States, not supine, apathetic and hesitating, but strong, militant if need be, and ready to respond to those noble impulses of liberty and humanity which have been our heritage from the beginning.

New Problem.

"For peace commissioners, for international jurists, there will be a new problem after the war, and that will be to limit the destructive operations of the submarine war craft, and to prohibit forever the destruction of commerce and passenger-carrying vessels by means and at risks that shock humanity and shatter our civilization."

Discussing the right of Great Britain to arm her merchantmen for defensive purposes, Senator Sterling said:

"Of all the peoples in the wide world it ill becomes us to deny Great Britain that right now or to spend one hour in diplomatic haggling to secure her renunciation of it. Our export trade has been growing by leaps and bounds. Each month has exceeded by many millions the last preceding month."

Senator Sterling also said that it "is not a remote inference that the present attitude of the German admiralty in regard to the right to attack and destroy armed merchantmen without warning was encouraged, if not invited, by the memorandum of our state department to the entente powers."

The memorandum of the state department which Senator Sterling said had encouraged or invited Germany to issue her announcement, was a note which Secretary Lansing sent. It set forth the opinion that no merchantmen should carry guns. Mr. Lansing announced that it had been sent to "the belligerents," but as Germany and Austria have no ships at sea, as was pointed out, it could apply only to the entente nations.

KING GEORGE SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO EMPEROR OF RUSSIA

London, Feb. 18.—King George to-day wired congratulations to the Emperor of Russia on the capture of Erzerum. The king's message said:

"Heartiest congratulations on the splendid achievement of your gallant troops at Erzerum after such hard fighting. I trust the victory will have far-reaching results."

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THEY WILL ATTACK AT THE SAME TIME

Expected Roumania Will Strike From North and Allies From Salonica

EFFECT OF CAPTURE OF ERZERUM BY RUSSIANS

Stated Roumania Already is Moving Troops to Bulgarian Frontier

London, Feb. 18.—Dispatches from Bucharest state that the capture of Erzerum by the Russians is crystallizing the decision of Roumania to intervene at an early date, according to the Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company.

In Roumanian circles in sympathy with the entente it is stated that in March there will be a concentration of Russian troops in Bessarabia for the purpose of permitting Roumania to transfer troops to the Bulgarian frontier. This transfer already is in progress.

In the meantime the allies are hastening the transportation to Salonica of the Serbian, Albanian and Montenegrin armies, which, with the French and British troops, will make possible an offensive movement simultaneously with the intervention of Roumania.

BATTALIONS BELOW STRENGTH WILL NOT BE SENT OVERSEAS

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes has discovered that certain of the battalions which were chosen recently to go overseas have been found to have been allowed by their officers to fall below strength. These battalions are now trying to borrow men from other battalions. This will not be allowed, says the minister. The unready battalions will remain in Canada and other battalions which are up to strength and in a satisfactory state of preparation otherwise, will be substituted for them.

SHIPS HAVE RIGHT TO SAIL WITH GUNS

That is Stand of States; Washington Has Notified All Consuls

Washington, Feb. 18.—All American diplomatic and consular officials abroad have been notified in a circular communication from the state department that the position of the United States is that merchant ships have a right to carry defensive armament.

This move, which became known to-day, is the first formal announcement that the United States does not accept as lengthy the announced intention of Germany and Austria to sink armed merchant ships without warning after February 29, as coming within international law.

Cabinet Met To-day.

The submarine situation, with its new developments, was discussed at to-day's cabinet meeting. Secretary Lansing went to the White House before the cabinet assembled and discussed the question with the president.

It was indicated to-day that Austria, too, will be notified of the assurances which the United States is asking for the future so that the position of this government may be fully and uniformly known to the Germanic allies.

BRITISH GOVT. AND BONDS OF U. S. STEEL

New York, Feb. 18.—The British government has sold to the United States Steel Corporation $22,800,000 of the first mortgage five per cent. bonds of that corporation, it was announced here to-day. The bonds were held in the Carnegie foundation in Scotland for trust fund purposes and were sold by the foundation recently at the request of the British government under its security mobilization plan.

GERMANY FINDING HUNGARY A BURDEN

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The Hungarian minister of finance has concluded arrangements with a group of German banks for a loan of 150,000,000 marks ($37,500,000). The loan will be covered by five per cent. treasury bonds, redeemable in two and a half years.

SUCCESS DUE TO USE OF BAYONET

Splendid Feat of Russia's Caucasian Troops at Erzerum Will Live

30 BELOW ZERO WHEN FORTRESS WAS TAKEN

Remnants of Turkish Army in Disorderly Flight Towards Sivas

Petrograd, Feb. 18.—The fall of Erzerum, the most important Turkish stronghold in Asia Minor and for a long time, considered impregnable, offers the unprecedented spectacle of a first-class fortress built on a steep mountain ridge nearly a mile above sea level yielding to bayonet attack after only 36 hours of bombardment. The operations were conducted under the most severe weather conditions, the snow being deep and the thermometer registering at the time more than 30 degrees below zero fahrenheit.

In Disorderly Flight.

The Turkish army which was defending Erzerum, taken by surprise under the methods adopted by the Russians, now is said to be in disorderly flight on the roads leading to Sivas. As the garrison apparently scattered in all directions, it is assumed here that large numbers were taken prisoner, although official figures are still lacking.

After the taking of Niksala, it appeared that the Russian attack would be directed against the Turkish right flank, and by rapidly transferring troops the Turks made all plans to resist the main assault from that quarter. Apparently they had little fear of the success of this attack because of the strong character of the fortifications in that direction and even less apprehension of danger from a frontal attack. Nevertheless, after the Russians had taken by storm the first line forts on February 2 there began a persistent bombardment of the Turkish centre, followed by a bayonet charge, the impetuosity of which swept the defenders off their feet.

Caucasian Troops Praised.

The highest tribute is paid to the bravery of the Caucasian troops, whose charge is considered likely to go down in history as one of the most brilliant feats of the war. It is recognized here that the success of the assault was due almost entirely to the bayonet work of these troops, since the artillery preparations were insufficient in intensity and duration, according to military experts, to reduce even a strong field position.

Sivas, mentioned above, is about 230 miles west of Erzerum and about 440 miles east-southeast of Constantinople.

EVEN IN MADAGASCAR GERMANS WERE BUSY

Failed in Plot to Overthrow Government; More Than 600 Persons Arrested

Paris, Feb. 18.—The Paris Journal's correspondent at Tananarivo says that German agents financed and otherwise encouraged a native plot to overthrow the government of Madagascar on January 1 last. The seat of the conspiracy was Fianarantza, and it was planned to poison the French officers and soldiers on New Year's Day and either gain the native troops to the cause of the conspirators or obtain from them their military weapons. The white officials and colonists were then to have been massacred.

The plot was revealed to the authorities and already more than 600 persons have been arrested and other arrests are expected, as the investigation still is proceeding. The great bulk of the population remains loyal to France and has not been affected by the seditious propaganda.

The correspondent adds that the documents discovered at the German consulate show that the plans for fomenting an insurrection were made even before the war broke out.

The great island of Madagascar, lying off the east coast of Africa, was officially recognized as a French colony in 1896 after a war of occupation. The majority of the natives are not Africans, the Malayan element predominating in their greatly mixed blood. The total population was more than 2,500,000 in 1901.

A SWISS REPORT.

Geneva, Feb. 18.—The Geneva Journal says that Germany has built 100 submarines of a new type, and is preparing to renew her submarine campaign with increased vigor.

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GERMANS HAVE LOST COLONY OF CAMEROON

Active Operations by British and French Troops About Ended

London, Feb. 18.—The following official communication referring to the operations in Cameroon was issued last night:

"A telegram dated February 16, from General Dobil, the French commander in Cameroon, states that he has received information from General Americh that the French have closed the frontier up to Ngoa and all east of there. The Camp region column has a few miles to travel to close the line from the sea.

"Active operations are now practically ended, and the conquest of Cameroon is complete, with the exception of the isolated position of Mora Hill. The German commandant, Semmerman, succeeded in making his escape into Spanish territory.

East Africa.

The following official statement on the operations against German East Africa was issued last night:

"The general officer commanding the British forces in East Africa states that on February 12 a reconnaissance in force was carried out against Salaita hill to locate the enemy's positions and ascertain his strength. The hill was found to be strongly held, and the main German reserves were ascertained to be in the neighborhood.

"Our casualties amounted to 172, of whom 139 were in the second South African brigade, which had its first experience in bush fighting.

"The branch railway has now been carried to Njoro, two and a half miles from Salaita."

APPEAL FOR AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN RUSSIA

New York, Feb. 18.—An appeal was issued here to-day by the American hospital and ambulance in Russia for $25,000 for the equipment of a hospital for the Russian army. Among the signers of the appeal are Robert L. Bacon, Nicholas Murray Butler, Robert McCormick, Alton B. Parker and Theodore Roosevelt.

CHECKING UP BOOTY TAKEN IN ERZERUM

Russians at Baiburt, Half Way Between Erzerum and Trebizond

Petrograd, Feb. 18.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"Caucasus front—It has been learned that 25 more guns have been seized in the Erzerum first line forts, and that 39 officers and 1,413 Arab irregulars were made prisoners in the region of Fort Taft, 20 versts from Erzerum.

"Our troops occupied the Erzerum fortress.

"The registration of prisoners and taking stock of the booty is proceeding.

"Erzerum is on fire in many places."

London, Feb. 18.—The Russian forces have reached the town of Baiburt, according to an Athens dispatch to the Daily Mail. Baiburt is 75 miles northwest of Erzerum, about half way between Erzerum and Trebizond, on the Black Sea.

No Mention of Erzerum.

Constantinople, Feb. 18.—The following official statement was issued last evening:

"Dardanelles front—An enemy warship which attempted to approach the Straits and a cruiser which was sighted off Kara Tepe were driven off by our artillery fire.

"From the other war theatres there is nothing to report."

ATTEMPTED TO OCCUPY CRATER; DRIVEN BACK

Germans Sprang Mine Near Loos; Set Off Another Near Fosse 8

London, Feb. 18.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"Early this morning the enemy sprang two mines, one near Fosse 8 and the other south of Loos. After the explosion of the latter the enemy attempted to occupy the crater, but was driven back by our fire. We hold the near lip of the crater.

"To-day our artillery bombarded the enemy trenches near the Hohenzollern redoubt and east of Armentieres. Between the Ypres-Comines canal and the Ypres-Comines road the situation is unchanged."

French Report.

Paris, Feb. 18.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"In Belgium a destructive fire was directed against the German organizations in the direction of Steenstraete and in front of Boesinghe.

"In Artois, in the neighborhood of the road to Lille, the enemy exploded a mine, the crater of which we occupied.

"Between Soissons and Rheims our batteries shelled moving troops in the region of Conde-sur-Aisne and bombarded German works to the north of Soissons.

"There was light artillery firing on the rest of the front."

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

Second Battalion—Slightly wounded: Cpl. Herman Kickert, England.

Third Battalion—Wounded: Pte. M. W. Robinson, Montreal.

Fourth Battalion—Died of wounds: Lce.-Cpl. J. R. Kesson, 916 Mears street, Victoria, B. C.; Pte. Jas. Lenk, Utica, N. Y.

Suffering from Shock: Sgt. F. S. Hetherington, Brantford, Ont.; Pte. D. Patterson, Milton, Ont.

Fifth Battalion—Slightly wounded: Lieut. O. P. Hertzberg, North Toronto.

Wounded, but on duty: Pte. Andrew Bone, Merritt, B. C.

Eighth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. F. B. Banks, Winnipeg; Pte. J. W. Allan, Scotland.

Tenth Battalion—Accidentally wounded: Pte. L. Rowley, England.

Wounded: Sgt. W. J. Brown, Lang, Sask.

Sixteenth Battalion—Seriously wounded: Pte. J. S. Principle, Scotland.

Twentieth Battalion — Dangerously wounded: Sgt. C. P. Gilhani, Paris, Ont.

Twenty-fifth Battalion — Wounded: Pte. Angus McNeill, Park Lane, Dominion, N. S.

Twenty-sixth Battalion — Wounded: Pte. Thos. Bell, England; Pte. John Roberts, Alliston, Mass.

Twenty-seventh Battalion—Killed in action—Pte. J. T. Blowers, Winnipeg.

Wounded—Pte. J. A. Norton, Medicine Hat.

Twenty-eighth Battalion—Wounded: Sgt. Leonard Prescott, England.

Twenty-ninth Battalion—Dangerously wounded: Pte. Noel Patton, Vancouver.

Thirty-sixth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. W. C. Large, Shelburne, Ont.

Forty-first Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. Ivan Piemennik (no address given).

Royal Canadian Regiment—Seriously ill: Lce.-Cpl. Geo. Michie, Australia.

Second Canadian Mounted Rifles—Slightly wounded: Pte. A. Campbell, Scotland.

Fifth Canadian Mounted Rifles—Seriously ill: Pte. W. D. Williams, Amherstburg, Ont.

Died of wounds: Pte. A. R. Grant, Scotland.

Twelfth Canadian Mounted Rifles—Died: Pte. Wm. Spence, Montreal.

TIME HAS COME TO END PRODIGALITY

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the tariff increases. A considered and discriminating tax increase might have had better results. The minister had said last session that the tariff increase would stimulate industry and relieve unemployment. That prediction was unfulfilled. Any stimulus to industry had been due to the war and any stimulus to agriculture had been due to the efforts of men and the blessings of God.

Abolishment of Patronage.

He thought the time had come when a serious effort should be made to eliminate patronage. The present administration probably was no worse than other administrations, but since the outbreak of the war people had realized as they never had before the extent of this evil. Even in connection with war expenditures it existed in disgusting proportions. He knew that some ministers had tried to resist, but others had succumbed to attacks made upon them.

Post Office Department.

Mr. Maclean pointed to the indefensible prodigality in some of the departments, more particularly the post office department. The decline in this department had commenced when Hon. L. P. Pelletier took away its management from officials and handed it over to patronage brokers from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The new minister, Hon. T. Chase-Casgrain, had not been able to secure control of the department.

This department, which once had boasted of a large surplus, last year had a deficit of $2,000,000. For the current year it probably would reach $5,000,000. In 1915 the expenditure had grown by $3,000,000. The department had been sold out to patronage, the tender and complex system having been abandoned. The department should be handed over to a royal commission for investigation.

There was no justification for an expenditure of more than $3,000,000 in the Dominion lands branch, which showed a deficit of $800,000. Neither should the immigration department spend practically the same amount with immigration at low ebb as it had a few years ago when 300,000 people were coming into the country annually.

Public Works Department.

The ordinary expenditure of the public works department was incapable of defence. Since 1911 it had grown from $10,000,000 to $18,000,000. It should be reduced by at least $12,000,000, as there were no necessity during the war of heavy expenditures on harbors and rivers. The minister of public works had stated that the money would not all be spent, "but," said Mr. Maclean, "the picture of the minister of public works hangs in the gallery of administrative prodigals at Winnipeg and Ottawa, and temptation should not be put in his way."

Referring to the war expenditures, Mr. Maclean said that in the parliaments of the allied nations war votes were discussed, but in Canada the government, under the guise of a cowardly patriotism, tried to stifle discussion and inquiry. This should not be so. While he did not believe all the rumors, there was no doubt that patronage had too strong a place in the war expenditures. The government long ago should have established departments to minimize the cost. Parliament voted without restrictions large sums and the confidence of parliament should be respected.

As to capital expenditure, the amount being spent on some works might be reduced. The majority of people believed that the completion of the Hudson's Bay railway project might be deferred for a time. This easily could be done because the work was being carried out by the government and no contracts had been let when the war broke out. The trouble with the government was that it preached economy but would not practice it.

He suggested that the estimates might be sent to a special committee which could blaze a trail for retrenchment.

Tariff Changes.

Referring to the tariff changes, Mr. Maclean said that if the new duties imposed on apples and oils were for political effect, they were objectionable. Apple growers outside of British Columbia would get no benefit. The burden would fall on the three prairie provinces, as it would limit them to one source of supply. Apparently the government was opposed to doing anything in the way of granting tariff relief for the prairie provinces.

Tax on Profits.

The proposed new tax on business profits was not absolutely without merit, but in many respects it was fundamentally wrong. It created many injustices and did not touch accumulated wealth. He was of the opinion that for a good many years Canada would have to resort to sources of revenue other than the tariff. The country might as well settle down and elaborate a comprehensive system of taxation.

He was opposed to the retroactive feature of the tax proposal. Taxes should never be made retroactive except in a case of grave necessity. His recollection was that in 1914 the finance minister had attempted to make excise duties retroactive and had absolutely failed to secure any substantial revenue. He feared that the retroactive feature would fall principally on the smaller concerns which had dispersed their profits. There would be great injustice in compelling them now to pay these taxes.

The capitalization upon which profits were based often did not represent the actual capital in use. Yet these companies were entitled to 7 per cent. of watered stock before they would pay any taxes. The proposed law placed a premium on improper methods of financing. The C. P. R. was the only railway which would be called on to pay taxes, yet possibly the C. N. R. and the G. T. P. might have earned more during the period since the beginning of the war owing to the traffic traceable to the war.

Profits on Munitions.

It would have been wiser not to have permitted companies to make unjust profits out of the manufacture of munitions, rather than to adopt the doubtful expedient of restitution.

Serious Objections.

Another objection to the proposed business tax was that it would militate against foreign and industrial investment in Canada. This was a serious matter at the present time, when Canada was looking for an inflow of capital for industrial development from the United States.

He also raised the objection that the tax did not reach the great bulk of inherited and invested wealth. He thought that the proposal should be modified to make the tax more just and equitable. It would have been more equitable to tax the profits of companies over and above their normal profits in peace times. This was the British method. The British did this by disregarding capitalization entirely. The Canadian parliament should decide on some systematic method of taxation to reach all without any inequality. He was inclined to believe that Canada finally would have to come to an income tax, and he did not believe that the arguments of the finance minister were sound, that this was a matter entirely for provincial or municipal authorities.

Sir George Foster.

Sir George Foster said he could agree with Mr. Maclean in saying that the new proposals were not without merit. The objection to taxes being made retroactive was one on which there was room for a difference of opinion.

Sir George agreed that there had always been too much patronage in connection with the government of the Dominion. He made an eloquent appeal to the two parties to get together and do away with it.

The latter part of Sir George's speech related largely to economic conditions. While declaring that Canada's position to-day was good, he said it might not always be so, and it was the duty of parliament and the people to face the problems which confronted them.

W. A. Buchanan.

W. A. Buchanan, Liberal, Medicine Hat, said the minister of finance could have reached some of the wealthy people of the country by imposing an income tax. Munitions makers should have been made to pay more.

Mr. Buchanan made a plea for a settlement of western problems.

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Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—Krupps and other concerns in Germany are building Fokker aeroplanes and sending them to the western front, according to advices received here to-day. Old machines are being transferred to the east and southeastern fronts.

Kaiser Wilhelm is reported to have presented the Bulgarians with 25 aeroplanes, and a training school for aviators has been established.

BEDOUINS ASKING BRITISH PROTECTION

London, Feb. 18.—Reuter's Cairo correspondent says that many eastern tribes of Bedouins are seeking the protection of the British authorities, owing to a violent dispute between the western and eastern tribes, which are hereditary enemies.

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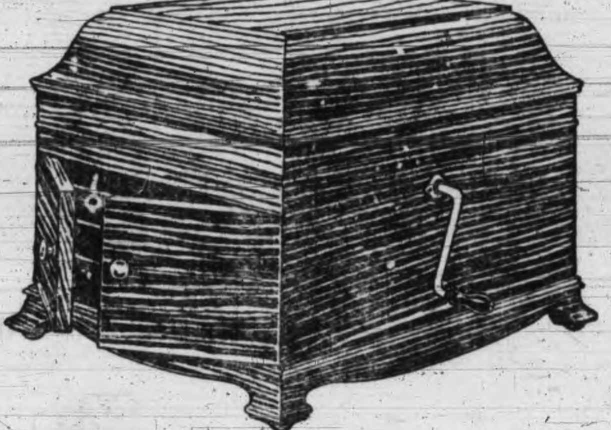

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URGES SCIENTIFIC BLOCKADE AS BEST

Editor of Economist, London, Would Let Germans Pay Gold for Luxuries

London, Feb. 18.—Francis W. Hirst, editor of the Economist, talked with the Associated Press representative on some of the economic aspects of the war and the tremendous expenditures it is piling up on the fighting nations. Mr. Hirst is one of the recognized authorities on economic and financial questions, his work "The Political Economy of War" having attracted widespread attention as being one of the first efforts to consider warfare as something more than a clash of arms and the gathering of soldiers. Col. House was aware of this, and so when he came here recently to gauge sentiment, he turned to Mr. Hirst quite as naturally as to the political and military leaders.

Mr. Hirst is strongly in favor of a scientific blockade of Germany instead of a "block-head blockade," as he calls it, and his advocacy of the scientific blockade has much to do with the plans the governmental and naval authorities are now considering. He was asked the meaning of a scientific blockade.

Would Allow Luxuries.

It means, he explained, a blockade based upon some intelligent distinction as to what will injure and what will help an enemy, as against a blanket blockade spread over everything without regard to whether it injures or helps the enemy, and which, in the case of the old "block-head blockade," actually was of benefit to Germany. There are a large number of articles, like tea, coffee and fruit, Mr. Hirst pointed out, which are not necessaries of life, and cannot contribute to any large extent in sustaining a population and the endurance of a nation. It is such articles that a scientific blockade would permit to be imported into an enemy country, for the reason that when imported from foreign countries they must be paid for in gold, thus creating a steady increase in the foreign indebtedness of the enemy country.

But the "block-head blockade" does just the reverse. In shutting out these articles which are not necessaries of life, it relieves Germany from gold export, and actually stimulates her domestic production, which she can pay for, not in gold, but in fiat paper money. That is actually what has happened in Germany, he says, and it is one of the things which a scientific blockade would seek to stop.

British Traditional Weapons.

Mr. Hirst holds that the traditional weapons of Britain are the navy and finance, and not a large land force. Referring to this he said:

"In all wars of the past out of which greater or less degree of success, we have always relied mainly on our naval and financial power. We never attempted to raise a great continental army and never adopted any form of compulsion for military service abroad. In the Napoleonic wars, it is quite true, the Duke of Wellington was in command of the British army in Spain and at Waterloo. But I don't think he had on the average more than 30,000 to 50,000 men in the Peninsular campaign, and at Waterloo only 25,000 British troops were engaged. In this war, we already have the greatest army we have ever had, although the navy is on a much larger scale than in the past and is playing at least as much part as it ever played in wars of the past.

Britain's Aid to Allies.

"Similarly in regard to finance. During the Napoleonic wars we gave a number of small loans and subsidies to foreign powers. Thus we gave loans or subsidies to Prussia and many other small German states, to Russia, Austria, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Sicily and Denmark. Most of these loans were sent in cash, but considerable quantities of arms, provisions, clothing and supplies were dispatched at various times to our allies. The total amount of the subsidies given between 1798 and and 1814—and there was not a single year in which we did not subsidize one or more of our allies—was computed by Porter at only £46,000,000, although the total cost of the war to Great Britain—I speak from memory—was something like £800,000,000. I think I am within the facts in stating that, up to the present, we have contracted or promised to our allies at least ten times as much in the course of a war of 18½ months as we contributed in the 21 years of the French wars. And it will be observed that the sum is much greater proportionately as well as relatively.

"These facts perhaps will explain the reasonableness of the criticism which has been directed both to the expeditionary policy and to the size of the army. I may add that a very able business man in the house of commons, Mr. Holt, stated the other day that we would be more likely to bring the war to a successful termination with an army of three million than with an army of four million men. This is clearly the case if those military experts are right who hold with de Bloch's theory that it is a war of exhaustion and attrition, and that decisive military victories of the Napoleonic type are improbable. Another member of parliament, Mr. Godfrey Collins, who has studied military finance very closely, predicted last week that as a result of the expeditionary policy and the enlargement of the army, our daily expenditure would rise in the course of a couple of months to £6,000,000, which would be at the rate of £2,190,000,000 ($10,950,000,000) a year.

German Finance Crumbling.

"Meantime German finance is crumbling. I judge that their expenditures are between £4,000,000 and £5,000,000 a day, and the internal economy of Germany is suffering more and more from issues of indigestible paper currency. The expenditures and the depreciation of German paper would be much heavier but for the fact that the whole country is on a war diet, and a great part of the cost of the war is being paid by privation. To judge from the German newspapers' own account of conditions, discontent is steadily growing, and in my opinion the main thing that maintains the military party in power is the fear of invasion and of dismemberment. If the war goes on much longer I do not see how the German empire will be able to pay interest on its war debt, for the interest on that debt, and the war pensions after the war, are likely to be as great or greater than the whole imperial revenue before the war."

Mr. Hirst was asked what was to come of these stupendous daily expenditures—six millions sterling a day by Britain and five millions a day by Germany—could they go on?

He replied that there were some things he could not discuss, and this was one of them. But he felt that there were financial and economic factors in the war that were as great as or greater than the military campaigns, expeditions and armies—factors which were steadily increasing in importance and which could not be left out of account by those enthusiasts who would rush blindly ahead and who talked lightly of crushing nations and altering all the old boundaries of Europe. Some of these factors and their inevitable tendencies he had summed up in his "Political Economy of War," as follows:

The Future.

"What will be the condition of Europe when peace comes through exhaustion, after the continental states have used up all their credit and borrowed all that can be borrowed, may be left to the imagination of those who can see further than the writer through the gathering gloom. How commerce will be financed, how manufactures will be revived, how banking will be carried on, how public bankruptcies on an unheard of scale are to be avoided—these are questions which defy experience and baffle even the wisest heads." And he adds:

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Ottawa, Feb. 18.—E. M. Macdonald, Liberal, Pictou, N. S., asked in the house of commons yesterday afternoon if there was any truth in the rumor that the Canadian troops had seen heavy fighting.

Major-General Sir Sam Hughes said that he had had no official report, but had been informed that the Germans had attacked the Canadian lines southeast of Ypres. There had been a heavy bombardment for two days. As far as he could learn, the Canadian troops had not suffered. The casualties reported were 1 killed and 16 wounded. Following this bombardment, the Germans had got into the Canadian trenches at points.

"They are still there—but dead," was the brief comment of Major-General Hughes. "There is not a solitary piece of Canadian trench in the hands of the enemy."

POPE TALKED WITH CARDINAL MERCIER

Rome, Feb. 18.—Negotiations between France and the Vatican looking toward a rapprochement are progressing favorably, according to persistent rumors here, these rumors becoming generally current despite the reticence of the Vatican.

Pope Benedict gave an audience last evening to Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium. The audience, which lasted two hours, was not announced officially, since it was connected with Cardinal Mercier's conference with M. Briand, premier of France.

This morning the pope gave an audience to Paul Albert Besnard, head of the French academy here. M. Besnard has been painting a portrait of Cardinal Mercier.

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The election of officers resulted as follows:

Grand master, H. Birmingham, Vancouver; deputy grand master, W. F. Hansford, New Westminster; junior deputy grand master, C. F. Lindmark, Revelstoke; grand chaplain, Rev. C. W. Corey, Nelson; grand secretary, W. H. Brett, Collingwood East; deputy grand secretary, L. G. Raynor, Port Hammond; grand treasurer, W. T. Jago, Coquitlam; grand lecturer, R. N. Hopkins, Vancouver; grand director of ceremonies, Chas. Marsh, Nanaimo; grand auditors, Geo. Schofield, Rutland, H. T. Thrift, White Rock; deputy grand chaplains, Rev. Samuel Fea, Vancouver, Rev. W. H. Wilson, Cumberland, Rev. D. W. Scott, Mission City, Rev. C. W. Whittaker, Ladner, Rev. W. W. Wright, Prince Rupert, Rev. W. Boulton, Beaconsfield, Rev. R. J. McIntyre, Nelson, Rev. J. J. Nixon, Duncan, Adjutant A. R. Bristow, Vancouver, Rev. F. G. Christmas, Duncan, Rev. W. Govier, Port Hammond; deputy grand lecturer to grand lodge of British America, Daniel Tattrie, Sandon; representative to the board of the True Blue orphanage, W. F. Hansford, New Westminster.

Princeton was chosen as the scene of the meeting of the grand lodge in February, 1917.

The election of officers was conducted by J. H. Armstrong, past grand master, and the installation by Past Grand Master Dilworth, Victoria.

FIRST HANGED IN 23 YEARS.

Concord, N. H., Feb. 18.—Oscar J. Comery was hanged early to-day for the murder of his wife. He was the first man hanged in this state in 23 years.

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No province in Canada has been so richly endowed by Nature as British Columbia, yet none felt the depression which set in before the war so keenly. Why was this the case? Why have we derived so little benefit from our enormous resources? Why is ninety per cent. of our population concentrated in a few cities? Why have we to make emergency expeditions to the money-lender and to pay for our last loan a higher rate than other provinces not nearly so well favored? Why is the cost of living here higher than anywhere else in Canada? Why do we import annually more than $25,000,000 worth of foodstuffs that should be raised in the province?

The answer to these queries may be summed up in the single word "maladministration," and maladministration is due to the lack of honesty and efficiency of administrators. Let the public ask itself what kind of an administration it ought to expect from the source which was responsible for the Kitsilano Indian Reserve transaction or the political manipulation which facilitated the piracy of the Dominion Trust upon the public pocket here and abroad and the infliction of a stain upon the reputation of the province. What sort of government need we look for from a first minister who is able to justify to his conscience, and reason his dual relationship as the guardian of the public interest and the head of a law firm seeking from his cabinet on behalf of clients favors which are contrary to the public interest? A few weeks ago Mr. Bowser gloried in the alienation of our agricultural lands to speculating syndicates and boasted of the fact that the government had led the speculation. That utterance alone should involve his political damnation. What need we expect from a state of mind so utterly oblivious to the public welfare, so callously indifferent to the public rights? To whom did those lands and resources belong? Not to Mr. Bowser and his colleagues? They belonged to the crown in trust for the public, but they went largely to friends of Mr. Bowser, the minister, and the clients of Mr. Bowser, the head of the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge.

Mr. Brewster undertakes to put an end to buccaneering in this province. He promises to give the underdog, the general public, a chance to derive the material benefit from their property to which they are entitled. It is not a difficult task for an honest, courageous man untrammelled by affiliations with selfish interests and possessed of broad human sympathies. It cannot be done by the present ministry, railroad-controlled almost in its entirety. It cannot be done by that abominable political machine which has cursed this province for years. These are matters which affect the vital interests of every person in this country. Their gravity at this crucial time cannot be overestimated.

DOESN'T KNOW?

The Transcona car shops at Winnipeg were erected and equipped by the Dominion government at a cost of $4,000,000. Baron Thomas, Lloyd George's representative who came to Canada to overhaul the system of purchasing munitions for the Imperial authorities, asked the Canadian government to convert the establishment into a national munitions factory. The government at first agreed to do so. Then it decided it would not, because it did not wish to spoil the picnic of the profiteers by entering into competition with them. Thereupon a private company suddenly sprang into being and the complaisant government turned the shops over to it. The other day a member of parliament inquired for information concerning the character of the company and the government had the effrontery to reply that it had no information as to the directors, but "the lease was executed by G. R. Drenon, president, and W. A. Petrie, secretary." The Ottawa Citizen is moved to ask if it is possible that the Dominion government dared to lease a national property to a private company without ascertaining the names of the company's directors, and adds the stinging comment:

"The directors may include members of parliament or cabinet ministers or German-Americans so far as the people of this country are concerned. The government's ignorance of the personnel of the company is something more than stupidity. It is more akin to insolence regarding the national interests."

THAT PILE TRESTLE.

The contract for the pile trestle across Selkirk Water has been awarded by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company. The cost will be $20,000. This, with the bascule span, will be the means by which a transcontinental railway whose bonds have been guaranteed by the people in a sum exceeding $40,000,000, together with interest, will enter the capital city of British Columbia. It violates the agreement between the province and the company, an agreement to the terms of which the people, we may be sure, will be rigorously held. It was not what Sir Richard McBride and the Hon. W. J. Bowser promised; it was not what the three other Victoria members in the legislature assured us we should have, and it certainly was not what the electors voted for. No doubt it will not be long before we shall be told that we need not expect a permanent structure to be erected until the legislature has furnished more aid to the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway. The recent assurance of Hon. C. E. Tisdall, Minister of Railways, that "in the light of what has transpired" he would vote for the railway policy if it were placed before him to-day may be regarded as an intimation that Sir William and Sir Donald will be along with their annual demands and that they will be promptly granted by the cabinet.

WILL BE PERMANENT.

The morning paper charges Mr. Brewster with misrepresentation in stating that the terminal facilities planned by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company for Victoria are to be of a temporary character, and denies that such is the intention. It was the Colonist itself which stated that the station to be erected shortly on the reserve and the pile trestle across Selkirk Water were to be temporary, and as it is Mackenzie & Mann's mouthpiece on the island as well as the organ of the provincial government, its announcement was accepted as authoritative. The change of front is disquieting, for it may be taken as an official intimation that once they have completed their unsightly pile bridge and an inadequate station Mackenzie & Mann will consider that they have done all that was required of them, and will refuse to carry out the terms of the contract under which they are so heavily guaranteed, unless they receive more aid. It is significant, too, that the announcement is made immediately after the contract for the trestle was awarded, and that Mr. Bowser is given the credit for "expediting" the work. It was hardly necessary for our contemporary, to remind us that the Premier was quite satisfied with such an outrageous departure from the terms of the contract. In his opinion anything is good enough for Victoria. He will see to it, however, that his friends Sir William and Sir Donald instal modern facilities in Vancouver.

OUR "PENALTY."

"Canada is paying a heavy penalty for its vicarious interests in the British empire. It is undertaking to raise 500,000 troops, or nearly 10 per cent. of its population, and is expending $350,000,000 a year on them. Its net debt at the close of this year will be about $600,000,000, which means an annual interest charge of about $25,000,000."—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The cost of Canada's part of the war in money or, what is more important, in human life, is not a "penalty for her vicarious interests in the British Empire." It is a sacrifice she is proud to make for the cause of freedom, honor and humanity. Canadians knew that when Germany fell upon France and violated Belgium the whole fabric of democracy was endangered; they knew that the institutions for which their forefathers had fought and died were threatened, and they prepared to throw all their resources into the scale without counting the cost. They know, too, that liberty, humanity and honor are worth suffering for; that the accumulation of dollars is not the end-all and be-all of a people, and that no nation can retain a respectable place in the world or be an effective factor in civilization if it becomes so soft and flabby through luxury and ease that it dare not fight for man's most precious heritage. If the British Empire had not intervened in this war it soon would have been a thing of the past. It would have perished through the sheer loss of its self-respect. And if Canada had not been a member of the great confederacy under the British flag she would have drawn her sword just the same. The issue of this conflict affects not Europe alone, but the course of the whole world. A nation's responsibility to humanity and civilization is not confined to its artificial boundaries, nor can the security and well-being of either be purchased with dollars and cents, or without suffering. What would Washington have said if he were told that the thirteen American states were paying a heavy penalty for their devotion to the cause of freedom? Did Lincoln consider the price that would have to be paid for the maintenance of "government of the people, by the people and for the people?" As exemplars we fear that both Washington and Lincoln are sadly out of date among certain elements of the great republic. They certainly were contemptuous of the Almighty Dollar when freedom was at stake.

But there are compensations for Canada of incalculable value. The great crisis has quickened the energies of her people as they never have been quickened before. It has compelled them to utilize their own resources, to stand upon their own feet. It has increased their national consciousness. It has promoted their manufacturing skill and doubled their agricultural production. It has taught them the real sources of their strength, the true bases of permanent material progress. It is altering their habits of thought and living, teaching them to distinguish between the non-essentials and the dress and the things that are worth while. It is eliminating waste and extravagance. We have had to take stock and are learning our strength and our weaknesses, which in a nation is the perfection of knowledge. And as in Canada so it has been throughout the British empire and its allies. There is not one of them which will not emerge from this struggle, with all its grievous sacrifices, greater in prestige and more potent factors for civilization than ever they were before. It would have been calamitous, indeed, for Canada, if through some extraordinary circumstance she had refrained from participating actively in this epoch-making conflict.

The Hun has modified his programme again. He is not going to attempt to dictate terms of peace from London, or Paris, or St. Petersburg, or Egypt. He will hold his present lines and bargain for terms from there. He has punished his enemies, including Belgium and Serbia, sufficiently and taught them what weakness has to expect from strength. But what of the positions of Turkey and Bulgaria, nations which a short time ago were congratulated by the "All-Highest" upon the glorious achievements of their arms? Are they to be left to hold as best they may their present positions? Wonder what Enver Bey and Ferdinand the Fox will think when they appreciate the significance of the latest Berlin announcement. Potsdam has used them for its purpose and having served that purpose, it is going to drop them.

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With the King's picture draped with German flags and a bust of the Kaiser with German colors impudently flaunted about, is it any wonder there were riots in Berlin, Ontario? It was quite to be expected that seditious spirits would be encouraged by the refusal of the government to enforce in that county the order-in-council authorizing the internment of alien enemies "for fear of offending the susceptibilities of many deserving citizens." Why should loyal German-Canadians object to the application of the interment regulations for the protection of their adopted country any more than other British subjects? There must be no catering to the hyphenated vote in Canada.

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Mr. Flumerfelt is understood to have said a short time ago that he had no knowledge of the existence of such a person as Harry Price. Perhaps he might even go as far as Betsy Prigg and register his opinion "that there ain't no such pusson." If that were the state of mind of the Finance Minister, then he would be altogether too ignorant of the affairs of this province to be entrusted with the charge of a portfolio in the government. However, we have a conviction that Mr. Flumerfelt will lean heavily upon the shoulder of Mr. Price in the pending by-election.

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Nothing could show more forcefully that the German arson and dynamiting organization is becoming bolder in the United States than the fire at the Brooklyn docks. This is part of New York's waterfront, and New York is the centre of wealth and power in the republic. It is noteworthy, too, that part of the property destroyed was owned by the New York Central. The Huns are tackling pretty big game—and dangerous game at that. The great New York Central and Pennsylvania systems will soon find means to stiffen the Wilson backbone.

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Sir George E. Foster appeals for the abolition of the patronage system in politics in Canada. There can be no doubt of the blighting influence of the system upon the welfare of the country. But Sir George and his colleagues have the power to put an end to it at once as far as the national government is concerned. They are in power by a substantial majority and can effect the desired reformation without any difficulty. They would find parliament almost a unit behind them. Why is it not done? Ask the Hon. Mr. Rogers, whose views on the patronage question may be gathered from the coal and dredging transactions at this port authorized by J. L. Nelson.

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The selection of General Smuts to succeed Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien as commander-in-chief of the British forces operating against German East Africa is a circumstance of historical importance and significance. It was General Smuts who, under Botha, organized and executed the masterly campaign in Southwest Africa. Smuts is a comparatively young man of extraordinary talents. Besides being one of the foremost statesmen of South Africa and a skilful soldier and organizer he is a brilliant scholar and orator. There are few men in the world so remarkably gifted.

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The Colonist does not like direct legislation any more than it likes an opposition. With either there would be no more fat raids upon the treasury. In one year our contemporary extracted in various ways something like $100,000. But between a legislature controlled by the public and a legislature controlled by Mr. Bowser the public, we are confident, will prefer the former.

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Mr. Flumerfelt says he believes in "clean politics." Mr. Flumerfelt will have to believe in any kind of politics that Mr. Bowser sets before him. He already has swallowed the Kitsilano Reserve and Dominion Trust scandals and digested even Harry Price. That energetic individual is to-day the director of Mr. Flumerfelt's campaign in Victoria, and Mr. Flumerfelt knows it.

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It is time for a change. It is time the McBride-Bowser political system was cleaned out root and branch. Smash the machine which almost ruined Manitoba and is trying to ruin this province in order that a handful of politicians and their influential friends may benefit.

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Is it in order to express the hope that the leniency with which German sympathizers in Waterloo County have been treated and the promptitude with which the authorities concluded that the fire in the parliament buildings was purely accidental are not indications that the government is going to begin sending "notes" to Berlin?

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It looks now as if there will not be even a Turkey in Asia after this war is over.

TO THE LADS IN THE TRENCHES.

Knee deep in the mud of the trenches,
With the smoke of the battle o'erhead,
Where the fields once so fair in their verdure
Have a hue that is ghastly and red.
You're fighting the foe like the heroes,
Your fathers, the Vikings of old,
When their dragon ships furrowed the ocean
And stayed not though foemen were bold.
The war song of Gael and of Saxon
The fire that flashed through their veins,
Still burns in the breast of the Briton,
His tongue sings anew the old strains.
His heart fails him not in the battle,
His eye ranges steady and clear;
The red flag of Britain unconquered
His hand flings aloft without fear.
Hard is the fight you are waging,
You who are out in the van;
But you've not been a "shirk" or a "slacker,"
You're "doing your bit" like a man.

ISAAC NIXON.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17.

KULTUR'S OPPORTUNITY.

New York Sun.

In the bright lexicon of kultur "fortified" applies as well to Stratford-on-Avon as to a dozen or so other places in England on which devastating bombs have been showered. Moreover there are dramatic possibilities in the demolition of the Shakespeare church in that gentlest and best beloved of Warwickshire villages which kultur, if true to itself, could ill afford to overlook.

Suppose, for instance, the graceful attention from a Zeppelin bomb were timed for April 23 next. That would be the 300th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, the anniversary, moreover, of his birth as well, for it seems he died on his fifty-second birthday. Besides April 23 happens to be Easter Day. That fact would give a practical as well as a sentimental value to the sudden annihilation of the little Stratford church. A well timed bomb dropped through the roof on that day would doubtless yield a fine bag of maimed, mangled and murdered women and children.

But above all there would be the laceration to the feelings of English speaking peoples over all the wide world were the tomb and sacred dust of our Shakespeare blasted out of existence. A rude awakening, too, for our poor Will from his 300 years of peaceful slumber. And then the delicious irony of those words of his which for so many kulturless centuries have kept andal hands from his grave:

"Good friend for Jesus' sake forbear
To dig the dust inclosed here.
Blessed be he that spares these stones
And curst be he that moves my bones."

What a vastly amusing headline, to be sure, those pathetic words of appeal and vain threatenings would make for a kultur newspaper description of how bones and stones and dust and the whole church edifice which sheltered them had been wiped off the face of the earth in one great crashing, shattering roar. One can imagine the Gargantuan shouts of laughter that would go up over all kulturdom at these glad Easter tidings of great joy.

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MARKED CONTRAST.

Quebec Telegraph.

The refusal of American trade union officers to accept the, to them, gigantic bribes offered by German agents promoting strikes is in marked contrast to the scramble for unearned profits among Canadian war contractors.

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MAINLY COWARDICE.

Port Arthur Chronicle.

The pro-German copperheads in this country enjoy protection, partly owing to our spirit of tolerance, but in a greater degree to the cowardice of politicians.

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BOTH WELCOME.

Peterboro Review.

No girl need be idle. When the boys are in the trenches the fair maids can send 'em socks. When the lads come home they can give 'em braces.

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Ladies' Lisle Hose, in black, tan, white and colors, all sizes, a pair ..... 50¢

—Selling Main floor.

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—Drapery, First Floor.

Values to $3.00 In Men's Pants Selling Saturday at Pair $1.95

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—Selling, Main Floor

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LIBERAL ASSOCIATION TO VOTE FOR OFFICERS

Adjourned Annual Meeting This Evening in Knights of Pythias Hall

This evening the adjourned annual meeting of the Victoria Liberal association will be held in the large hall of the Knights of Pythias, North Park street, for the purpose of balloting for the offices of second vice-president, secretary and eight members of the executive committee.

Members will present their membership cards at the door as identification, and an equally crowded attendance as on Wednesday evening is looked for. There is much friendly competition for the offices to be filled, while the others have been filled by re-elections by acclamation.

There will be addresses given tonight by F. A. Pauline, the Liberal candidate in Saanich, and by F. J. Stacpoole, K. C., both excellent speakers, whose appearances are always looked forward to with interest.

The meeting of the Ward Five association which was called for this evening has been postponed until to-morrow evening on account of this election meeting. It will be held as at first called at the Liberal headquarters, Arcade Building, Broad street, at eight o'clock to-morrow evening.

A Difficult Problem.—It is quite a difficult problem to find what kind of candy the public like best. But we may say it has been solved. Last Saturday we made a special of our famous tray toffy Everton and Treacle and the demand was so great that we sold out at quite an early hour. So many of our customers being disappointed we have decided to repeat this special on Saturday at the same price, 20c per pound. This is without a doubt the greatest candy special ever offered in Victoria. We would like the public to grasp the fact that we have not a single substitute for candy in the factory, which prove that our candies are the purest that can be made. We would also remind the public that imported candies are from three to twelve months old, while our candies are manufactured fresh each day. 14 gold and silver medals awarded at some of the largest British exhibitions were for quality and quality alone. Wiper & Co., K. Confectioners, 1210 Douglas St., opposite Sayward Block. •

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Bank Clearings.—The bank clearings for the week ending yesterday were $1,299,625.

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Blue Cross Raffle.—A Girls' Singer sewing machine is on view in the Blue Cross room, Belmont block. It will be raffled in aid of the fund, and tickets may be obtained at ten cents each.

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Arts and Crafts Club.—The annual meeting of the Arts and Crafts club will be held in the Alexandra club on Thursday, February 24, at 8.15 p.m. The business will include the election of officers, the making of arrangements for future meetings, and the reception of reports of the president and treasurer.

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Food Production.—A meeting of the sub-committee of the domestic food products committee of the board of trade is being held this afternoon at the board rooms, to consider matters referred to it from the committee. This committee is composed of Director Stevenson, of the Saanich experimental farm; Councillor Borden, Lake Hill, and H. A. Hincks, Langford.

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Social To-night.—The members of Seghers council Y. M. I., and the Ladies' Auxiliary Y. M. I., will hold a social this evening in institute hall (upstairs), 726 View street, commencing at 8.30 o'clock. A small admission fee will be charged, the proceeds of which will be given to the Sisters of St. Clare monastery at the Willows. It is expected a large attendance will be present.

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British Israel Association.—The Victoria branch of the Imperial British Israel association will meet on February 22 at 8 p.m., in the Congregational church building, corner of Mason and Quadra streets (side entrance, first floor). The public will be welcomed. Mr. Godsal, hon. president of the Calgary, Alberta, association, will lecture on "The war from the viewpoint of British Israel teaching."

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School Gutters and the Storm.—The gutters of nearly all the city public schools suffered from the pressure of frozen snow during the storm of Feb. 2. The consequence was that the gutters have been pressed outwards in many cases, and will have to be straightened to be of use in future. The impression is that the board is fortunate in that none of the roofs of the older buildings have collapsed.

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Special Service.—A special service for young people will be held in the First Presbyterian church on Sunday evening when Rev. J. G. Inkster will preach on "Sport and Religion." The Sports' association of the church will attend in a body, and they offer a cordial invitation to other athletic associations in the city, and to all members of the Y. M. C. A. In the morning Rev. J. G. Inkster will preach on "The Second Coming of Christ."

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British Campaigners' Association.—A meeting of the British Campaigners' association was held last evening, and the secretary made further allusion to the correspondence with the secretary of the military hospitals' commission on the question of a soldiers' club. The commission maintains its position that the matter is premature until the conclusion of the war. Regret was expressed that the commission still takes that point of view. Some routine business was transacted.

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LAND REGISTRY ACT.

To the Legal Representatives of John Smith, Assessed Owner of Lot Nineteen (19) of Suburban Lot Twenty-Four (24), Esquimalt District and To the Legal Representatives of Frederick Ring, Registered and Assessed Owner, and Eleanor Copland, Beneficial Owner of Lot Sixteen (16) of Said Suburban Lot.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to register Lauretta B. Gould as the owner in fee simple of the above lands under a Tax Sale Deed from the Assessor of Victoria District, and you are required to contest the claim of the Tax Purchaser within thirty (30) days from the first publication hereof.

Dated at the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C., this 15th day of February, 1916.

S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar General.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of Rydan Dixon, Deceased, and in the Matter of the Administration Act.

Notice is hereby given that under an order granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Macdonald, dated February 15, 1916, I, the undersigned, was appointed Administrator of the estate of the above deceased. All parties having claims against the said estate are requested to forward particulars of same to me on or before March 15, A. D. 1916, and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 17th day of February, 1916.

WILLIAM MONTEITH, Official Administrator.

Must Sign Names.—A new rule has been put into force at the parliament buildings as a result of the fire in the parliament buildings at Ottawa. Every person now entering the buildings at James Bay is required by an attendant to enter a waiting room at the front of the building and sign his or her name and address in a book kept for that purpose.

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University Women's Club. — There will be a meeting of the University Women's club on Tuesday, February 22, at 3.30 p. m., in the Y. W. C. A. library. "Problems of the Disabled Soldiers" and "Care of Our Delinquent, Defective and Dependent" will be the subjects under discussion, the speakers for the afternoon to be Mrs. Clark, Dr. Denovan and Miss Wynne.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

Wm. Stewart, Men's and Ladies' Tailor shop, Campbell building, corner Fort and Douglas streets. •

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The B. C. Funeral Co.—Always open. Private parlors and large chapel. Reasonable charges for all services. 734 Broughton street. •

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Those of us are left behind
Must be something more than kind.
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Electric Light May Go Off.—Better be prepared with an oil lamp. All night lamp, 25c and 60c; hand lamp, 45c and 50c; table lamps, 50c to $2.50, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 1302 Douglas St. •

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Silver Spring Beer, 2 qts. for 25c. •

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Coal Short?—Saws filed at Wilson's, 614 Cormorant street. Talking Machines repaired. •

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Give to aid the Union Jack;
There are those who'll not come back.
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For the Missis and the kids
Left behind—who pays, who bids?
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Lend a hand and trust to luck;
Something's due to Jack Canuck.
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We for whom our boys have fought
Pay because we must, and ought.
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Phoenix Beer, 2 qts. for 25c. •

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Every dollar that you give
Helps a soldier's wife to live!
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Dr. J. L. Thompson, Dentist, now located in New Spencer Block (Arcade Bldg.), View street. Phone 3845. •

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, February 18, 1891.

Three new sealing schooners, building in local yards, are nearly ready for launching, and next week will probably see one or two of them in the water.

Mr. A. W. Vorvell, superintendent of Indian affairs, has succeeded in inducing the department at Ottawa to consent to the opening of a day school for Indian children on the Songhees reserve. A school is to be opened in about two months.

A dispatch received from Naples this morning says: The Empress of India arrived here this morning on time. She leaves to-night for Port Said.

Get Your Seeds Now while the choice is large. Terry's flower and vegetable seeds, 5c to 15c. pkg., at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 1302 Douglas St. •

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Christie, Shoeman, removed to 1231 Government St. •

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To Practice Land Surveying.—In addition to the land surveyors already authorized to practice in the province this week's B. C. Gazette adds the name of Henry Rhodes, Vancouver.

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Third Troop, V. B. S. A.—The regular weekly meetings of the third troop, Victoria Boy Scouts, will be received to-night. All leave except permanent leave is cancelled from this date.

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Court of Revision.—A court of revision and appeal against the assessment roll for the Kamloops provincial assessment district for the year 1916 is to be held in Kamloops on Friday, March 24.

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Baxter Review Dance.—Baxter Review, No. 8, Woman's Benefit association of the Maccabees, will hold a dance on Monday evening, February 28, in the Foresters' hall, Broad street. Professor Ozard will furnish the music.

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Provincial Appointments.—Appointments made by the provincial executive and gazetted this week are those of Dr. George C. Read, Kaslo, to be medical health officer for Kaslo and the surrounding district; Arthur John Brodie, Hudson Hope, to be a justice of the peace; Alfred Carss, Prince Rupert, and George Henry Lardner, Vancouver, to be notaries public.

For the Shoes you have been looking for. "Christie's," 1231 Government Street. •

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City Police Court.—There were no cases in the city police court this morning.

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Agricultural Associations.—Two new associations incorporated under the Agricultural Associations act are the Vernon Women's institute and the Malcolm Island Farmers' institute.

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Emmanuel Baptist Church. — Rev. William Stevenson will preach at Emmanuel Baptist church on Sunday morning on "The Sinlessness of Jesus," the children's talk to be "The Moth and the Cradle." In the evening the subject will be "Old and New Light on Man's Knowledge of God."

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Induction at St. Luke's.—Rt. Rev. Bishop Scriven, assisted by the Archdeacon of Victoria, will conduct the service to be held on Sunday morning at St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, when Rev. J. D. Mackenzie-Naughton, M. A., B. D., will be inducted as rector there. Mr. Mackenzie-Naughton succeeds Venerable H. A. Collison, who will leave shortly for the north to take over his duties as Archdeacon of Quatsino.

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Abandoned Trust Features.—A further list of companies which have abandoned the trust features included in their articles of incorporation is published in the B. C. Gazette by the registrar of joint stock companies. These are Anthony's, Ltd.; G. A. Hankey & Co., Ltd.; Irvine Place Syndicate, Ltd.; North Coast Land Co., Ltd.; North Vancouver Club, Ltd.; The Unionist Investment Co., Ltd.; The Wright Investment Co., Ltd.

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St. John's Church.—Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick will take as his subject for Sunday evening in St. John's church, the stirring and remarkable message recently sent by Sir David Beattie, commander of the First British squadron, whose ships defeated the Germans in the North sea. This message was in the form of a short letter sent to the annual meeting of the S. P. C. K., and contains a timely message for the British people.

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New Companies.—New commercial and industrial concerns incorporated during the week are: Developing Holdings, Ltd., Quesnel, $10,000; Jenkins Co., Ltd., Kelowna, $25,000; Kincolith Fisheries, Ltd., to take over the business of the Kincolith Packing Co., Ltd., with head office at Vancouver and a capital of $200,000; McGill-Indian Copper Co., Ltd. (non-personal liability), Vancouver, $100,000; Northern Mining Exploration Co., Ltd. (non-personal liability), Prince Rupert, $225,000; Pacific Fisheries Co., Ltd., Prince Rupert, $10,000.

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Members of Boards Named.—Further appointments to police and license boards through the province gazetted to-day are: Burnaby—License, Councillor Angus MacDonald and Charles F. Sprott; police, Councillor Thomas D. Coldicutt and Daniel Mowatt. North Cowichan—License, Councillor Alexander A. B. Herd and William Elkington; police, Councillor Charles G. Palmer and Thomas A. Wood. West Vancouver—License, Councillor Robert C. Proctor and Valient V. Vinson; police, Councillor Thomas F. Merrick and Robert John Pengelly. Salmon Arm—License, Councillor John H. Smith and Stephen Dolan.

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C. M. R. Concert Postponed.—The 11th C. M. R. concert, which was announced to take place at the Willows Y. M. C. A. to-night has been postponed until Tuesday evening on account of the Red Cross tournament being held this evening in the V. I. A. A. headquarters.

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Women's Canadian Club.—The Women's Canadian club meeting, which was postponed from last week on account of the weather, will be held next Tuesday at 3.30 in the Alexandra club. Miss Leonore Pearce will speak on "Nature Students as Great Writers." Mrs. Longfield will sing, and Mr. Balagno will give a selection on the violin. A full attendance of members is looked for at this first meeting of the year.

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Gonzales Chapter, I. O. D. E.—The annual meeting of Gonzales Chapter will be held on Tuesday morning, Feb. 22, at 11 o'clock in the United Service club.

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FRIDAY'S FISH DAY

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Fresh Pork Sausage, lb. **20¢**
Fresh Currant Buns, reg. per dozen 15c; Saturday, **11¢**
Chocolates, nicely assorted, reg. 40c; Saturday ... **25¢**
National Cream Sodas, fresh and nice; per tin ..... **23¢**
Fancy Mixed Biscuits, reg. 25c; Saturday, lb. ... **19¢**

Special for Saturday

Pratlow's Red Letter Plums or Cherries 3 tins for **50c**

Genuine Macaroni, 3 lbs. for ..... **19¢**
English Marrowfat Peas, per package ..... **8¢**
B. & K. Wheat Flakes, 4 lbs. for ..... **25¢**
Royal Standard Oatmeal, 10 lb. sacks ..... **40¢**
Norwegian Sardines, 2 tins for ..... **25¢**
Rhubarb in Heavy Syrup, 2 tins ..... **15¢**

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Pratlow Melba Peaches, large glass jars, only **47¢**
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ENTERTAIN VISITORS

Concert at High School for People Here From Prairies Has Been Arranged.

The entertainment proposed for prairie visitors by the High school orchestra, under the auspices of the Victoria and Island Development association, will be held at the High school next Friday night. Yesterday Ald. Porter, president of the association, and Herbert Cuthbert, the commissioner, saw George Jay, chairman of the school board, S. J. Willis, principal of the High school, and Ira Dilworth, conductor of the High school orchestra, and completed the arrangements. The orchestra is to be assisted by several well-known local vocalists. There will be addresses of welcome by Mayor Stewart and Mr. Jay.

The Development association desires as many prairie visitors as possible to attend and requests all hotel and boarding house proprietors to furnish a list of the names of prairie visitors staying with them, so that invitations may be sent out. The entertainment will be open to residents of Victoria, to whom a charge of twenty-five cents will be made.

At a meeting of the association held yesterday a vote of thanks was passed to Stephen Jones, proprietor of the Dominion hotel, and to those who assisted at the entertainment recently given to prairie visitors at the hotel.

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AT THE THEATRES

ROYAL VICTORIA.

The attraction at the Royal Victoria to-night and to-morrow is one that should certainly please. The special attraction showing pictures of the Ottawa fire is well worth a visit, the different views of the buildings all covered with ice, and the damage done being plainly shown. On the same programme is a splendid five-act feature entitled "A Man's Making," in which the well-known actor, Richard Buhler, is starred. This picture has all that is really required for a successful photoplay—heart interest which holds the attention of an audience to the very end. A good comedy finishes off the entertainment.

DOMINION THEATRE.

One of the most unusual and thrilling photodramas ever seen is now being presented at the Dominion. Edna Goodrich, the noted dramatic actress and international beauty, makes her photodramatic debut as a Paramount Star in the Jesse L. Lasky production of "Armstrong's Wife," the gripping drama written especially for Miss Goodrich by Margaret Turnbull, the celebrated novelist.

The scenes, vivid in their realism, carry the audience from the little country village to the gambling halls of a great city, and from there to the heart of the rugged mountains of the great Canadian Northwest.

Miss Goodrich, as little Mae Fielding, the country girl, is given a splendid opportunity to display her excellent dramatic ability as well as some of the beautiful gowns for which she is so noted.

The production of "Armstrong's Wife," is said to be one of the most beautiful ever turned out by the Lasky company and Miss Goodrich has been given a support of unequalled excellence, including Thomas Meighan, James Cruze, Mrs. Lewis McCord, Florence Dagmar, Hal Clements, Raymond Hatton and other members of the Lasky all-star stock company.

MATINEE FOR CHILDREN.

To-morrow afternoon the children of Victoria will have a splendid opportunity of witnessing one of the finest animal acts ever seen here. At a special matinee for children and their parents, Captain Bett's trained seals will perform. These sea animals have been wonderfully trained, and can juggle, do acrobatic stunts, play musical instruments, and go through a number of tricks that even human beings would find it difficult to imitate. The seals are helped by several other trained animals, including a dog, a bantam cock, and a monkey. Only the usual admission will be charged, and a packed house is anticipated.

Owing to the sickness of Miss Cameron her place on the programme has been filled by that very popular Irish tenor, P. J. Murphy, who is making a big hit.

Children are always very fond of minstrels, and therefore there is another treat in store for them to-morrow afternoon in the appearance of Norine Carmen's Minstrels. Norine Carmen herself acts as interlocutress to a merry bunch of burnt-cork artists, who dispense parodies, patter and songs in true minstrel style, together with some high class dancing.

Much of the comedy of the entertainment is afforded by Andy Lewis & Co., who evoke calls of laughter by their farce-comedy entitled "The Duke." Two very vivacious sisters, Ruth and Kitty Henry, give the remaining numbers, a novel melange of comedy and song.

RECEPTION AT ST. CLARE'S MONASTERY, THE WILLOWS

All tertiary members, benefactors and friends of the "Poor Clare Nuns" are cordially invited to be present at a religious profession and reception, to take place at St. Clare's Monastery, "The Willows," on Monday, Feb. 21st.

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"SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE"

Miss Helen Boulnois Writes From Marseilles That She is Still Working Among Soldiers.

Her many friends in Victoria will be interested to hear that a letter has been received in Victoria from Miss Helen Boulnois, dated from Marseilles, France, where she is working among the soldiers. The following is an excerpt of her letter:

"I am awfully busy here. The Y. M. C. A. have tents in camps, and rooms in town for our soldiers. Prebendary Carlisle has both written and wired to me that he will send more help with the Church army. I now work entirely among the British troops, visit hospital twice a week, speak in tents, etc., and get to know the men, giving a weekly tea party in the sailors' home, chiefly attended by soldiers.

"I enclose programme of a play we acted last night, and will continue in a huge casino. We had an audience of 1,800, French staff, and British officers, being among them.

"Our men are famously fed and equipped, and are fit as can be. Their suffering is not to be compared with the French, and poverty is unknown amongst them. But they are very lost in this big city, and respond so to better amusements and interests when these are offered. My next job will be to get up a pantomime, "Red Riding Hood," amongst them. Easy enough if they were not moving all the time. They are delighted with the idea."

The letter was written under date of January 22. Miss Boulnois's own name appears on the programme of the play, which was "Eliza Comes to Stay," the well-known farce by H. V. Esmond. The entertainment took place at the Casino de la Plage, "Somewhere in France."

"I hope," said the tram conductor, pensively, after taking the names of the people who saw the lady lose her balance, "that women will vote, and that they'll have a political party of their own and a platform." "And then what?" "And that they'll advocate capital punishment for anybody who gets off the platform backward."

We never know the true value of friends. While they live, we are too sensitive of their faults; when we have lost them, we only see their virtues.—J. C. Hare.

Performing Seals at Pantages

Captain Bett's trained sea animals comprise one of the most delightful animal troupes ever seen. They perform some wonderful tricks, and are aided by a number of other trained animals. There will be a special matinee for children to-morrow afternoon.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

Miss Duff is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.

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A Swanson, of Chicago, is at the Dominion hotel.

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W. Jefford, of Port Alberni, is at the Dominion hotel.

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Walter H. Westaway, of Winnipeg, is at the Dominion.

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Mrs. Ada Roble, of Winnipeg, is staying at the Dominion.

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Robt. Irving, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

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Staying at the Empress hotel from Seattle is J. H. Beard.

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A. V. Porter, of Nanaimo, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

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F. P. Meegan is registered at the Empress hotel from Toronto.

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E. F. Rardon is registered from Chicago at the Hotel Strathcona.

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Rev. James Carruthers, of Alberni, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

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Miss Edmiston, of Ardrossan, Alta., is registered at the Dominion hotel.

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Fred C. Hill is over from the mainland, and is at the Hotel Strathcona.

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Samuel Pope, of Moose Jaw, registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

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Parker Williams, M. P. P., of Ladysmith, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

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Mrs. F. Parks has arrived at the Hotel Strathcona from Vancouver, B.C.

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Arrivals from Vancouver at the Empress hotel include Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mitchell.

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C. J. Kay is among the recent arrivals at the Hotel Strathcona from Vancouver.

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N. C. Ollis, of Vancouver, registered for himself and Mrs. Ollis at the Hotel Strathcona.

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George Kingsley is down from Shawnigan Lake, and is registered at the Dominion hotel.

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Mrs. Edward Baycer and Mrs. Robert Hale Ellis are registered at the Empress hotel from Portland.

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Harry Bell and Willie Bell, of Shawnigan Lake, were among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion.

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R. H. Cairns, Andrew Smith, James Miller and Ben Miller are some of the new arrivals from Vancouver at the Dominion hotel.

NEW PATRIOTIC SONG

Composer, Well Known Here, Sends Hundreds of Copies to Canadian Soldiers at the Front.

A spirited patriotic song, set to a rousing, martial air, has been written and composed to Ana Novello, who now resides at San Francisco, but is well known in both Victoria and Vancouver. The title of the song is "When the Mother Country Calls," and it was sung by the composer, who is an accomplished vocalist, on several occasions in the Australian hall of the San Francisco exposition. The words are as follows:

WHEN THE MOTHER COUNTRY CALLS.

Tho' mothers' hearts are breaking
And the loved one's tears may fall,
Not one will hold their men back
When they hear old England's call.
They remember how she helped them
In the early barren days,
Stood by them and protected them
Till her own ships ruled the waves.

Refrain—
So when the cry went out from the motherland,
To her empires o'er the seas,
The cry went out from the motherland,
Come help quell the foe with me,
North and south and the east and west,
Their ringing answers came:
We'll do or die, swim or fly,
For your empire boys are game.
So the lads went out for the motherland,
From their countries big and small,
And side by side they fight or die,
British heroes one and all.

Tho' homeland grows the maple,
Thistle, lotus or the rose,
The wattle, fern or shamrock,
The world their honor knows,
Be it but a scrap of paper
In a foreign language writ,
If they ask them to protect it,
Let the Bulldog get a grip!

Refrain.

The authoress has sent several hundred specially printed copies of the song to the Canadian soldiers in the trenches.

Ana Novello is a cousin of Ivor Novello, the composer of "Keep the Home Fires Burning," "Laddie in Khaki," and other popular patriotic songs.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 18.—5 a.m.—The barometer remains low over Northern B. C., and fair, mild weather is general on the coast, extending to Alaska, while in the interior it is a little colder. Zero temperatures prevail from Manitoba to Northern Ontario, and on the California coast the temperature yesterday reached 70 and 78 in the Sacramento valley.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday.

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh northerly and easterly winds, generally fair and mild.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and mild.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 47; minimum, 40; wind, 16 miles N. E.; weather, fair.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 32; wind, calm; weather, cloudy, foggy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.40; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles N. W.; weather, fair.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yesterday, 54; minimum, 44; wind, 12 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 44; wind, 38 miles N. E.; weather, clear.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 56; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, clear.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, foggy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 70; minimum, 54; wind, 4 miles N. W.; weather, clear.

Temperature.

	Max.	Min.
Entrance	44	
Cranbrook	45	
Barkerville	42	
Fort George	47	
Penticton	42	
Nelson	45	
Calgary	48	2
Edmonton	46	2
Qu'Appelle	30	2
Winnipeg	58	
Toronto	42	
Ottawa	34	
Montreal	32	
St. John	32	
Halifax	42	

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Thursday:

Temperature.

Highest	47
Lowest	41
Average	4
Minimum on grass	3
Maximum in sun	11

Rain, .01 inch.

Bright sunshine, 3 hours 54 minutes.

General state of weather, fair.

Gertie (who has just been kissed by Arthur under the mistletoe, which he has discovered hanging in the hall)—"Oh, Arthur, you wicked wretch, to take advantage of me like that! I wish I knew who hung it there; I'd—I'd pay them out, that's all." Arthur (to little brother later on in the evening)—"Tommy, I am going to take Gertie away from you soon; will you mind." Tommy—"Not a bit. Sis and I are not friends." Arthur—"And why is that?" Tommy (heedless of Gertie's killing glances)—"Oh, she boxed my ears for tipping her off the chair when she was nailing up that mistletoe in the hall."

"What are you studying now?" asked Mrs. Johnson. "We have taken up the subject of molecules," answered her son. "I hope you will be very attentive and practise constantly," said the mother. "I tried to get your father to wear one, but he could not keep it in his eye."

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PART OF BRITAIN'S GREAT WAR MACHINE

Royal Geographical Society Making Maps for War Office and Admiralty

London, Feb. 18.—The Royal Geographical society is a hive of industry these days, not in the ordinary way as one of the conservative old British institutions for scientific research, but as part of the war machine—making maps of the rapidly shifting geography of Europe, supplying the war office and the admiralty with geographical data and maps worked out with scientific minuteness on land and water routes, topography, mountain passes, and all the details which the military strategists must have in laying out the campaigns in all the great theatres of war—the Balkans, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Persia, the mountain passes between Italy and Austria. The huge establishment fronting Kensington Gardens has practically given itself up to this war work.

The venerable president, Douglas Freshfield, himself a famous Alpine mountain climber in his day, said recently of this work:

"We have at hand ready for use a store of facts as to any possible seat of war, with that habit of mind—the sense of country, the geographical attitude—that can reason and act promptly on such facts, which are obvious conditions of military and naval success. In these matters of practical and mental equipment we are doing more from month to month to help the state. We thus perform a function that in the present crisis is essential. It will not be less essential when the time comes for framing and dictating terms of peace."

Thinking Ahead.

This last remark indicates that the scientific geographers are thinking ahead to the time for "framing and dictating terms of peace," when the map of Europe will be made over again and new boundaries laid down—a stupendous work considering the areas of territory which have shifted through military occupation, and which ultimately will have to be settled at a peace congress—Belgium, Luxemburg, Northeastern France, Serbia, Montenegro, Poland and the wavering battle lines along the front in Russia, France, Austria, the Balkans, Central and East Africa, Persia, and the Pacific Islands and ports.

Dr. Keltie, secretary of the Royal Geographical society and the administrative director of the institution, told the Associated Press correspondent it was quite too soon yet to outline the so-called "new map of Europe."

One of the recent maps of the Geographical society shows the fighting area between Italy and Austria, and the present and proposed boundaries in the Trentino and Trieste districts. The area in dispute seems very small compared with the magnitude of the struggle going on in the Italian-Austrian frontier.

In the Alps.

President Freshfield gave a graphic description of the Alpine campaign, at a meeting of the society, based on his personal knowledge of these peaks and passes, which he traversed during his days as an Alpinist. He recalled that fifty years ago he was one of the first party to scale the highest peak of the Trentino Alps, the Presanella (11,800 feet), where Austro-Italian mountain fighting has been going on.

"A mountain region—the Alps are no single range—may serve as a good defence to those who hold it strongly up to the summit ridge," he said. "The Alps are proving so now in the case of Austria. But if you hold only the lower slopes on one side it may be more of a snare than a defence.

"The importance of mountains in warfare has been exaggerated in popular estimation. The decisive battles of history, as strategists have pointed out, have been fought in the plains. The invaders of Italy, from Hannibal and Hasdrubal to Francis I. of France and Napoleon, found ways over the Alps for their armies. In all ages the Trentino, leading to the Brenner pass, has been a channel of communication between the regions north and south. The pass was traversed by armies no fewer than 43 times between the years 951 and 1251, and Francis I. crossed it three times in one month."

Turning to the recent fighting, Dr. Freshfield said:

"The beginning of the war found the Austrians firmly planted on the summit ridge. From this point round to the Gavia pass twenty miles of continuous glacier clothe a crest the gaps in which do not fall below 10,000 feet. In old warfare glaciers had their terrors for soldiers. But in the present war, the spread of mountaineering, the introduction of the ski and the systematic training in France and Italy of mountain regiments, have led to constant fighting above the snow level. The troops have put to use the skill learned in frequent mountain manœuvres. In the Ortler group there is hardly a pass traversed in the last fifty years by mountain climbers which has not been made use of by these intrepid military raiders (11,000 feet up).

"The Italians, starting from Val di Zebru, have skirted over peaks of 11,000 feet, making what the Germans call a cream-climb, assailing the Austrians on the top of the Stelvio and destroying a climber's hut on the south ridge of the Ortler. The Austrians have crossed the glaciers east and west of Monte Cevedale, at the door of the Konigspitze.

"On the northern flank of the Tonale pass, the Italians climbed and dragged artillery to the Montozzo ridge, 8,500-9,000 feet high. Along the main Adige valley a certain advance has been made. The frontier town of Ala has been occupied and the forts of Roverto assailed and damaged. The Altissimo has been gained, and from its brow the Alpini look down on Lake Gardo and the towers of Riva.

"Turning to the frontier of Trentino, we find that Austria has abandoned two of her outlying districts, apparently without fighting, to the Italian advance. The red-white-and-green floats on the campanile of Cortina and on the ruins of San Castrozza, above Primero, East of Trent, near the snowy Marmolada, the queen of the Dolomite Alps, the Italians have shown prodigious energy, hoisting guns on the most difficult heights; sturdy hill-climbers have vied in stalking the Austrians among the mountain fastnesses, applying to warfare the methods of chamois hunting."

The foregoing are only a few extracts from President Freshfield's address. Sir Maurice de Bunsen, British ambassador at Vienna up to the time of the break, and Lord Bryce, former ambassador at Washington at Vienna up to the time of the break, and Lord Bryce, former ambassador at Washington, were among the society members who heard it, and both paid a tribute to its geographical detail based on Dr. Freshfield's experience over these mountain passes.

Viscount Bryce Spoke.

Lord Bryce also let it be known that he had had some experience as a mountain climber in this same region, and he related his personal observations there and at Mount Lovchen, in Montenegro, two centres of recent fighting.

"When we were wandering along the line of mountain passes north of Venice," he said, "we came upon a spot at the top of one of these passes—I think it was the Predil—where, according to tradition, Albion, king of the Lombards, pointed out to his fierce invading host the fertile plains of Italy. There we found on the Italian side strong fortifications. Although both countries were then members of the Triple Alliance, they entertained so much suspicion of each other that they had been erecting these fortifications each against the other."

"Mount Lovchen," Lord Bryce went on, "is a singularly noble peak with a marvelous view. It stands isolated, and on the top of it there is a tomb where one of the last of the Vladikas, or priest-monarchs of Montenegro, is interred; so it has become a sort of sacred spot with the whole Montenegrin people. As its slopes command the inlet of Cattaro, one wonders that it was not found possible to carry up some guns there, and with these guns bombard Cattaro, Castelnuovo, and the other forts so as to drive the Austrians out of the harbor, which for naval occupation she finds very convenient."

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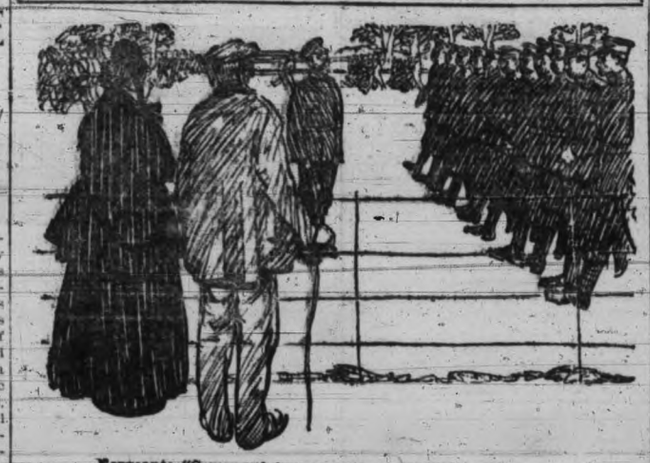

Sergeant: "Company! two paces forward! march!"
Old Countrywoman: "That's just like them officers! Couldn't he takes two paces forrard 'imself, instead o' moving the whole regiment!"
—*London Opinion.*

TWO SUSPECTS DETAINED BY DETROIT POLICE

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 18.—Information regarding an alleged plot to dynamite the American Car & Foundry company's plant here has resulted in detention by the police of two men formerly employed by the company. Otto Bartholma, a Swiss, was arrested at Flint and turned over to the Detroit police. Ernest McCord was taken into custody here.

It is claimed that a notebook found in Bartholma's possession contained the draft of a letter to a foreign consul in the United States, seemingly signed by Bartholma, and asking if he could be of any service to his country.

The American Car & Foundry company is said to have filled war orders for the entente nations.

SAUERKRAUT HAS DOUBLED IN PRICE

Newspapers of Germany Continue to Discuss the Food Shortage

Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—It is impossible for the newspapers of Germany to conceal the fact that the shortage of food is pressing more heavily day by day on the people of Germany. The topic continues to come to the surface in all manner of forms, from articles advising the people to make use of some of the various substitutes offered in the place of wholesome food all the way to outspoken articles, setting forth the actual sufferings of the masses and pleading for efforts to discover a remedy.

Period of Hungering.

The Magdeburgische Zeitung predicts the development of a calamitous situation.

"To live beyond our means had become the rule with us," it says. "We used to call it 'comfortism,' a condition connected externally and internally with Mammonism, the worship of money, the appraising of all things, including our conduct and sentiments, in terms of money.

"Comfortism and Mammonism are two foreign words which we do not wish to translate into German, as they are imported from abroad, one from England, the other from the United States. Now these two phenomena will have to disappear if the period of hungering on a large scale is not to lead to inner social conflicts and disturbances."

Sauerkraut Double.

The Muenchener Post says:

"We are now faced with a rise of from 60 to 100 per cent. in the cost of vegetables. The price of sauerkraut has doubled, with signs of a further increase. At the same time cabbages by the thousand are rotting in the fields, and salt and water for pickling are available in any quantity. As though the people were not already sufficiently tried by saving to pay such exorbitant sums for sauerkraut, stuff is sold to them in many cases mixed with leaves and stalks to a disgraceful extent. We would urgently call the attention of the authorities to this gross scandal."

A clear idea of the seriousness of the situation may be obtained from a perusal of the following suggestions of food substitutes printed in the Berliner Tageblatt:

"The government has intervened at the eleventh hour in the meat crisis. The institution of 'meatless days' certainly has been acceptable as a palliative, in view of the evergrowing scarcity and dearness of this article, but it is a palliative only, because it has been found that two-thirds of the population is not affected by the regulation inasmuch as to them every day is meatless.

"The authorities in their determination to adopt any method leading to a betterment of the sustenance of the people have now sanctioned the manufacture of 'D. D. meat.' This meat, which will shortly be on sale at all the communal butcher shops, is really a composite product and consists of scraps and odds and ends of meat, fish and certain chemical ingredients. The somewhat pungent, fishy odor of this compound is almost entirely removed by the addition of a few drops of a special liquid product furnished by the authorities at a nominal charge which at the same time will be placed at the disposal of purchasers."

The Frankfurter Zeitung says:

"Holland supplies the world, particularly English gardens, with innumerable flower bulbs. As a consequence of the war, however, these articles are a luxury with little demand for them, the result being a market flooded with unsaleable wares. Why, then, should not we take these bulbs and utilize them for the kitchen?

"Our æsthetic sentiments may revolt against the idea of regarding these glorious blooms from the culinary standpoint. Who wouldn't shudder with remorse at devouring a splendid golden lily? But after a time these feelings will fade into the consciousness that we have endowed the German people with a fresh means of sustenance, bidding defiance to the vile machinations of our enemies. Beauteous floral trophies will then be regarded merely as a new species of turnip or onion.

"Bulbs may be recommended as a most nutritious description of food. They are rich in glucose and dextrin. Mashed, they are unexcelled. A soup prepared from them also is very appetizing when cooked with sugar, soya bean and milk."

The Kreuz Keitung says:

"The constructive forces of chemistry have grown as have the destructive forces, and it is in the possession of the former that Germany once again shows her superiority. Although chicory and blackberry leaves provide only very unsatisfactory substitutes for coffee and tea, because they are lacking in the purin bases on which the stimulating properties of these beverages depend, we have great hope of success of the experiments conducted by Prof. Tschirsch with the object of imparting to these substitutes the requisite proportion of purin.

"When that is done we are absolutely independent of foreign imports and can snap our fingers at Britain's blockade, as far at least as concerns our breakfast and afternoon drinks. Coffee and tea produced in Germany by Germans from German blackberry leaves and chicory will taste not only as well, but much better, to every German than the articles hitherto imported by the grace of Britannia."

Shortage of Fats.

The Muenchener Neueste Nachrichten says:

"When will the authorities bring home to the people that butter and animal fats do not constitute an indispensable adjunct to their sustenance? When, too, will it be judged that the time has arrived for demonstrating that food is prepared with the best results with vegetable oils?

"We do not, of course, refer here to olive oil, which is far too dear for popular use. Our own German forests, however, supply great masses of seeds and kernels from which splendid cooking oils can be obtained. Birch, cherry and plum kernels, as well as linseed, all yield this product in profusion. A slice of meat, bacon or fish fried in them tastes every whit as good as that cooked in fat or butter, and is quite as wholesome. We suggest that the ministry of agriculture take this question in hand without delay and constitute a special oil research branch."

HE FORGAVE ALL.

Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Hans Schmidt died in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison shortly before dawn this morning. He displayed absolutely no sign of fear, addressing those present as follows:

"Goodby all. All I ask in this, my hour of death, is the forgiveness of all whom I have offended or scandalized, and I forgive all those who have done injury to me. And goodby, mother—my dear mother—and remember that as I go to my death my last thoughts are of you. Goodby and God bless you all."

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Pair Sheets, hemmed ready for use.
Pair Pillow Cases, ready for use.
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International Boxing Bouts Will Be Feature Show; "Dutch" Hill Substitutes for Baker Against Seattle Entry

That the big Red Cross tournament to be staged to-night in the V.I.A.A.A. headquarters will be the biggest athletic event ever staged in this city is the opinion of those who follow these events closely.

W. H. Davies, director of the event, is working like a trojan to put amateur boxing back on its feet. While the V. I. A. A. A. has to depend upon almost an entire school of novices to make up the tournaments, owing to the rally to the colors of the majority of the old school, he firmly believes he has uncovered enough material to replace the old clan, and that the boys entered in to-night's show will produce even more class than those of a few years ago who upheld the honor of the V. I. A. A. A. in various inter-city tournaments.

The show to-night has far the most attractive programme ever staged here, and it includes two international events. Fencing and jit-jitsu competitions by local Japanese artists will be included in the night's activities.

What will undoubtedly be the feature of the event will be the two international boxing contests, the first between Al Davies, of the V.I.A.A.A., and Lonnie McIntosh, a clever 125-pounder, representing the Seattle Athletic club. The second engagement will be at 115 pounds, between Pte. "Dutch" Hill, of the R. G. A., vs. Tommy Amandson, of the Seattle Athletic club, at 115 pounds. Amandson is substituting for Benson, and Hill is taking the place of Roy Baker, who is down with la grippe. Hill comes from a fighting family, his brothers, Billy and Collie, being well known locally. He is very rugged and is a strong favorite with the local public.

Two novel features will be the Japanese fencing and jiu-jitsu competitions, and the appearance of "the Masked Marvel" in the 158-pound class.

Tickets for the event, which are now on sale at the Two Jack's cigar store and the Empire Realty company, are selling rapidly and a packed house is anticipated.

Location of Hall.

The hall where the tournament will be held is the old Victoria West Athletic association quarters, corner of Catherine and Edward street, directly opposite the Victoria West fire hall. The Gorge cars pass the door, and the Esquimalt cars pass within a stone's throw of the building.

All the officers of the military units and ships in port have been requested to grant the men late leave for the event, and W. H. Davies has received replies stating that his request will be granted.

The entire proceeds will be given in aid of the Canadian Red Cross society fund.

The doors will open at 7:30 o'clock and at 8 p.m. promptly activities will commence.

The following is the complete programme:

Midgets—Johnny Field, V. I. A. A. A., vs. Rex Steele, V. I. A. A. A.

115 Pounds—H. Price, V. I. A. A. A., vs. E. Parks, V. I. A. A. A. Private Porter, Western Scots, vs. Private Joyce, Western Scots.

125 Pounds—Leon McClusky, V. I. A. A. A., vs. Private McGregor, Western Scots. Private Parsons, Western Scots, vs. Stoker Downes, H. M. C. S. Rainbow. Bob Griffiths, V. I. A. A. A., vs. H. Picca, V. I. A. A. A.

135 Pounds—Stoker Travers, H. M. C. S. Rainbow, vs. A. Richmond, V. I. A. A. A. Sgt. Fenton, Western Scots, bye.

145 Pounds—Alex. McKay, V. I. A. A. A., vs. L. C. Fawcett, Western Scots. Private Wallace, Western Scots, vs. Bill James, Jacksons A. C.

158 Pounds—Geo. Corkle, V. I. A. A. A., vs. Private A. J. Welsh, Royal Canadian Regiment. Masked Marvel vs. Private Wallace, Western Scots. Freddie Welsh, V. I. A. A. A., bye.

Heavy—Dick Wall, V. I. A. A. A., vs. J. Zekarelli, V. I. A. A. A.

Jiu-Jitsu Wrestling—K. Namba vs. R. Yaminiti. M. Kawai vs. T. Takahashi.

Japanese Fencing—E. Kano vs. T. Fugemori. T. Joya vs. J. Kase.

International Boxing—125 Pounds—Al. Davies, V. I. A. A. A., vs. Lonnie McIntosh, Seattle A. C. Bugler Hill, Royal Canadian Regiment, vs. Tommy Amandson, Seattle A. C.

The officials will be as follows: Judges, Lieut. Ross, 103rd Battalion, and Mr. Tilly, former P. N. A. champion wrestler; referee, W. H. Davies; announcer, E. Chilton; timekeeper, L. Oliver.

BUSINESS MEN'S CLASS TO MEET V. I. A. A. FIVE

On Monday evening next at the First Presbyterian gymnasium, Quadra street, a basketball match between the Vancouver Island Athletic association and the business men's team of the First Presbyterian church will be played. It is the intention of these teams to play home-and-home games, and a great deal of interest is being taken in the series. The First Presbyterian team will be picked from the following: J. G. Brown, A. E. Forman, J. O. Perry, R. Charlesworth, P. McKechnie, H. B. Sargison and Billie Kennedy.

WILL CONSIDER APPLICATION.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—The question of applying for permission to run the Vanderbilt cup and grand prix classics in connection with the Elgin national trophy and Chicago Automobile club cup events in August will be considered at a meeting of the Elgin Road Racing association next Wednesday. Both the Vanderbilt and the grand prix will be run, it is said, either at Elgin or in Santa Monica, Cal.

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JOINS THE RANKS

TOM LONGBOAT

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 18.—Tom Longboat, the famous Indian runner, came to Brantford yesterday and enlisted with the Scout Section of the 126th (Brant) battalion. He returned to his home at Caledonia, and will report for duty in a few days. Longboat said he realized that the time had come for married men to enlist as well as single men.

NATIVE SONS ARRANGE ATHLETIC PROGRAMME

A reunion of Native Sons of B. C. will be held under the auspices of Post No. 1, Native Sons of B. C., in the K. of P. hall, North Park street, Tuesday, March 10, at 7.30 p.m. At the conclusion of the regular meeting a splendid boxing and wrestling programme is being arranged by Billie Kennedy. Several well known local boxers and wrestlers will be seen in action, and a good musical programme is also being arranged. There will be no admission charged and all Native Sons of B. C., whether members of the lodge or not are cordially invited to attend. The programme will commence at 9 o'clock sharp, and all those attending are promised a good evening's entertainment.

SPRINTER DIES.

Boston, Feb. 18.—John (Kaiser) Powers, who thirty-five years ago was famous as a professional runner at distances from 220 to 500 yards, died last night. His greatest race was a special match at 440 yards against Ed. Tusdale at Mystic Park in 1880, when he won a purse of $20,000.

W.S.C. ACCEPTS GAME.

Pullman, Feb. 18.—The Washington State college to-day telegraphed its acceptance of a football game with the University of Nebraska in Pullman November 21. The tentative game with the Michigan Aggies for the same date here has been cancelled.

MOST CRUCIAL GAMES OF SEASON TO-NIGHT

Victory for Portland and Defeat of Champs, Would Decide the Title

P. C. H. A. Standing.

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Portland	16	11	5	61	47	22
Vancouver	15	9	6	56	54	18
Seattle	15	7	8	58	57	14
Victoria	16	4	12	66	92	8

Enthusiasm is keyed up to an extraordinary pitch among hockey fans all over the Coast league circuit for to-night's games. Victoria will be opposed to Portland on the latter's ice, and the champion Vancouver septette will engage Seattle on the latter's battling grounds.

Only five more games are on schedule, and unless Victoria downs the Rosebuds to-night the latter will have practically tucked the championship away. A win for Victoria to-night and a victory for Vancouver over Seattle would greatly bolster up the champions' chances of overtaking the Rosebuds, while on the other hand a victory for Portland and a defeat for Vancouver would definitely decide the title in favor of Savage's aggregation.

Victoria upset the dope on Wednesday night by downing Portland 5 to 2, and it would not be at all surprising should they duplicate to-night. Those who saw Wednesday's game were greatly impressed with the work of the Aristocrats. They showed a complete return to their true form, and in their new home at Seattle they were strongly favored to win to-night's combat.

Should Vancouver win and Portland lose, the Rosebuds will still be in possession of the league leadership. The following will be the line-ups of the clubs:

Victoria.		Portland.
McCulloch	Goal	Murray
Patrick	Point	Irvine
McDonald	Cover Point	Johnson
Mallen	Rover	Oatman
Kerr	Left Wing	Harris
Nichols	Centre	Dunderdale
Riley	Right Wing	Tobin
Seattle.		Vancouver.
Holmes	Goal	Lehman
Rowe	Point	Patrick
Carpenter	Cover Point	Griffis
Walker	Rover	Taylor
Foyston	Left Wing	Cook
Wilson	Centre	Mackay
Morris	Right Wing	Stanley or Duncan
Rickey	Sub.	Seaborn

NO SOCCER TO-MORROW.

President Manson, of the Victoria Football association, announced this morning that it has been necessary to postpone the soccer matches for one more week. Beacon Hill is the only field in playing condition, and the league head thought it advisable to put the games over until next Saturday.

DILLON AFTER MORAN.

New York, Feb. 18.—Sam Murbarger, manager of Jack Dillon, to-day offered to bet $10,000 at even money that Dillon can knock out Frank Moran, the Pittsburg heavy, within ten rounds.

Acting for Dillon, Murbarger to-day challenged Moran to meet Dillon in a ten-round bout on March 8, the original date set for the Willard-Moran match.

RECORD PLUNGE.

Chicago, Ills., Feb. 18.—Plunging the length of a sixty-foot tank in :19, J. F. Lichter, of the Chicago Athletic association, last night established a new world's mark for the event. The previous world's record was held by Craig Redmon, of the University of Chicago, whose mark was :19 1-5.

THEY MET AGAIN.

New York, Feb. 18.—Sam Langford and Sam McVey met for the eighth time last night, the bout ending in a draw after ten rounds of fast milling.

TO-NIGHT'S TOURNEY

SERGT. JACK FENTON

Clever boxer who will represent the 67th battalion in the 135-pound class at the Red Cross tournament to-night. Fenton was formerly a member of the Vancouver Athletic club, and is considered one of the best lightweight boxers on the Pacific coast.

MANY FAST TROTTERS IN THE ANTIPODES

Andrew Robertson, the prominent horse-breeder of Melbourne, issues a warning to American owners of trotters and pacers who might figure they could clean up over in Australia because mile races are won in 2.20 or worse. There are many trotters capable of going in two minutes and ten seconds over here.

The explanation is that the standing starts hold forth in the Antipodes, and it easily makes a difference of ten seconds to get off winging. Then, too, the races are handicap affairs at various distances, such as nine furlongs and the like. American horses have not been trained to the system and they are at a disadvantage to compete with the Australian trotters and pacers.

In this country a horse is schooled to start from a turn and score up to the starter for the word. The fields are not sent off until a horse is in his stride and going at a pretty fast speed. We have classes for horses; that is, when a race in 2.10 or a fraction he has to go in the 2.11 classification the following year.

It is all changed in Australia and the system works fine, according to the prominent Australian who is visiting this country. The horses are handicapped. The sulky star with the fastest record is put back at limit mark of say twenty-five yards in back of the wire. The other starters are ranged along up to the fortunate ones that start at the wire. The field is placed on the marks, and from a standing start the word is given to go.

The Australian horses are schooled to jump right into a trot or pace as their gait might be. It usually takes the American horse some time to get going. Naturally time is lost before a horse reaches his top speed, and that makes the difference in time.

MONTANA NOSE OUT.

Spokane, Feb. 18.—The University of Montana basketball team defeated Gonzaga university here last night 22 to 21, according to the official scorers.

Players Bunched for Scoring Honors

Five P.C.H.A. players are piled up in a heap for the individual scoring honors of the season. Cyclone Taylor is on top of the heap, leading Bernie Morris, of Seattle, by one point, while Dubbie Kerr, Tobin and Lester Patrick follow in the order named.

Dubbie Kerr, the brilliant Victoria left wing player, increased his average two points Wednesday night against Portland, and is now within three points of the leader. Another Victoria star, Capt. Lester Patrick, is also making a strong bid for the honors. He ranks fifth in the colmn. This is a wonderful record for a defence player, and it is unfortunate for the local leader that he met with an accident early in the season, or he would probably have been leading the list. Sibby Nichols, the hard-working Victoria forward, might have been perched on the top rung had he joined the locals earlier in the season. He did not link up with Victoria until January 11, and since that date he has scored 16 points.

Lester Patrick, Kerr and Nichols always have ranked well up in the scoring column, and it is not a surprise to see their names among the leaders this season.

Bernie Morris, of Seattle, is the real sensation of the year. He was not considered dangerous by the rival players until he started scoring goals in bunches and pressing the point of Cyclone Taylor, the leader.

Charlie Tobin, of Portland, and Lloyd Cook, of Vancouver, are also surprise packages. Both these boys have improved wonderfully in their shooting this winter, and are pressing the leaders.

First in the list is an appropriate standing for the veteran Cyclone Taylor. He certainly is entitled to the premier goal-getting honors, and season after season the veteran has been right up among the leaders.

Tommy Dunderdale's showing is somewhat of a disappointment this season. He is now eighth in the list, which is probably the lowest Tommy has been since coming to the coast hockey circuit. He started out in his old-time form, but gradually faded. Portland have two more games on schedule, and Dunderdale may come through with a number of goals and climb back among the leaders.

The following is the standing:

	G.	A.	Pts.
Taylor, Vancouver	18	12	30
Morris, Seattle	21	8	29
Kerr, Victoria	14	13	27
Tobin, Portland	18	7	25
Patrick, Victoria	13	10	23
Cook, Vancouver	18	2	20
Oatman, Portland	11	8	19
Dunderdale, Portland	13	4	17
Nichols, Victoria	10	6	16
Mackay, Vancouver	11	5	16
Wilson, Seattle	10	6	16
Walker, Seattle	10	4	14
Harris, Portland	9	4	13
Mallen, Victoria	7	5	12
Box, Victoria	6	6	12
McDonald, Victoria	8	3	11
Griffis, Vancouver	6	5	11
Foyston, Seattle	7	3	10
Stanley, Vancouver	4	5	9
Duncan, Vancouver	6	3	9
Irvine, Portland	2	5	7
Carpenter, Seattle	5	2	7
Johnson, Portland	4	2	6
Genge, Victoria	3	2	5
Riley, Victoria	4	1	5
Rowe, Seattle	1	4	5
Barbour, Portland	3	1	4
F. Patrick, Vancouver	3	1	4
O'Leary, Victoria	1	1	2
Rickey, Seattle	2	0	2
Seaborn, Vancouver	0	1	1
Uksila, Portland	1	0	1

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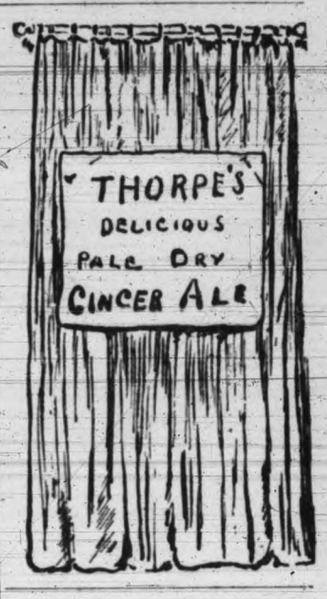

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BREEZY BITS

Chief Bender is to get another chance in the big show this year. He will reappear on a Philadelphia diamond, but attired in a Philadelphia National league uniform, according to reports from the east. The chief got his major league start with the Athletics in 1903, and last season pumped to the Baltimore Feds. After losing sixteen games and winning but four, the big Indian was released. Coast league clubs made a bid for his services, but he has come to terms with Manager Pat. Moran, of the National league champions.

A change has been made for the squash match between W. A. Kinsella, the professional champion, and S. J. Feron, the challenger. The first match will be held on February 22 and the second two days later.

J. P. Jones, the former Cornell university athlete, holder of the United States collegiate record, and all-American college mark for the mile run, announces his retirement from track athletes.

Baltimore's fistic fans have almost forgotten Champion Kid Williams in their enthusiasm over the great work of George Chaney, who will meet Johnny Kilbane for the championship on March 17. Chaney is said to be a second Terry McGovern. He is of the same aggressive type, and can deliver a knockout wallop with either hand.

Shortstop Roach, who started last year with the Toronto International league club and later jumped to the Buffalo Federals, has been secured by the Louisville American league club.

SPORTING NEWS (CONTINUED)

DANNY MAHER MAY RETURN TO SADDLE

World's Famed Jockey is Regaining Health and May Ride in the Spring.

Although he has been out of the saddle for more than two years, with the exception of a single mount, which he accepted last September at Newmarket, racing men in England are hoping that "Danny" Maher, the justly famed American jockey, will have so far recovered his health by next spring as to be able to take up his vocation, at which he stood at the top from the time of his advent in England in September, 1900.

In 11 of the 13 years following that time he was outside the first three leading riders in England but twice, the first of these being in 1903, when he was nearly killed in a motor car accident which kept him out of the saddle for several months, and again in 1905.

It will be remembered that his reason for leaving his native land for pastures new was his increasing poundage, which would not allow him to ride at the scale provided in America, and, although he immediately "caught on" by his masterly horsemanship in England, he was in a measure handicapped even there, being unable to accept many mounts which were offered him, so that many of his rivals in the tight little isle were able to accept many more mounts than he.

Although he was second or third in winning mounts in each of the years from 1901 to 1907, inclusive, with the exception of 1903 and 1905, it was not until 1908 that he topped the list, following which he was always "in the money" as to position at the end of the different years, and again achieved the enviable position at the top in 1913, when he was forced to quit because of ill-health. He accepted an invitation of Sir Abe Bailey to visit South Africa, and upon his return to England was conceded to have got back to his normal condition.

A glance at his list of winning mounts, extending over the eleven years in which he was among the first three, develops the fact that he rode 1,237 winners, with his greatest year's winnings occurring in 1908, when he was first on the list, with 139.

In 1910, when he finished second to F. Wootton, a lightweight lad from Australia, who was first, with 137 wins, Maher scored 127 victories, while in the preceding year, when he was again second, he tallied 116 wins. In 1904 and in 1913, when he was third and first, respectively, his string showed 115 first places.

Maher's reputation as a jockey had preceded him to England, and he was not long in gaining the patronage of the leading authorities of the turf, principally that of Lord Rosebery, for whom he rode Cicero to victory in the 1905 Derby. Previous to that, in 1903, he had the winner with Sir John Miller's Rock Sand, and in 1906 he scored with Major Loder's Spearmint in the greatest of English classic.

FGor the last two years S. Donoghue has been at the top of the list, with new runners-up in each case. The following table will show just how the leaders have stood since Maher's advent in England.

1901.		1909.	
O. Madden	130	F. Wootton	165
D. Maher	94	D. Maher	116
G. McCall	91	W. Higgs	101
1902.		1910.	
W. Lane	170	F. Wootton	137
W. Halsey	115	D. Maher	127
D. Maher	106	C. Trigg	95
1903.		1911.	
O. Madden	150	F. Wootton	187
W. Lane	149	C. Trigg	111
W. Halsey	106	D. Maher	99
1904.		1912.	
O. Madden	161	F. Wootton	118
W. Lane	124	D. Maher	109
D. Maher	115	A. Whalley	99
1905.		1913.	
F. Wheatley	124	D. Maher	115
O. Madden	119	F. Wootton	91
W. Higgs	107	A. Whalley	86
1906.		1914.	
W. Higgs	149	S. Donoghue	129
O. Madden	104	J. Clark	68
D. Maher	103	M. Wing	59
1907.		1915.	
W. Higgs	145	S. Donoghue	62
D. Maher	114	F. Rickaby	36
W. Halsey	103	F. Bullock	36
1908.			
D. Maher	139		
F. Wootton	129		
W. Higgs	124		

AMERICAN LEAGUE SCHEDULE IS ADOPTED

New York, Feb. 18.—At the annual schedule meeting of the American league held here yesterday, President B. B. Johnson represented the new owners of the Cleveland club. After the playing dates for the coming season had been adopted, the league executive stated he would announce some time next week the names of all who were interested financially in the purchase of the Cleveland club. He said that J. C. Dunn, a Chicago contractor, held the majority of the club's stock.

Phil Ball, who recently acquired the St. Louis Browns, was introduced to his fellow club owners and made a speech, in which he described some of his experiences as the club owner in the Federal league. He said that his first year in that venture cost him $88,000, and during the second year he lost about $94,000.

O.H.A. RESULTS.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—Last night's results: O.H.A. intermediate, (third round), Paris 9, Sarnia 3; Wiarton 3, Owen Sound 0. Northern league senior: Elmira 5, Waterloo 4.

OAK BAY LINKS WILL OPEN TO-MORROW

The summerlike weather now prevailing has dried out the golf course to such an extent that the first 15 holes on the Oak Bay links will be open for play after 12 o'clock (noon) to-morrow. Members are requested not to play before the set hour.

United Service Course Closed.

The United Service Golf Links at Macaulay Point plains will not be in fit playing condition for a few days. The ground is still very soggy, and the officials think it advisable to keep the course closed for a couple of days.

OLD DEFECT DELAYS PROCEEDINGS AT BUTTE

Butte, Mont., Feb. 18.—The committee in charge of having Butte in the Northwestern Baseball league received a formal demand for $2,100 yesterday from an attorney who said he represented the ball players unpaid by those that controlled the Butte territory in the Union association two years ago. Unpaid salaries, it is said, is the "technicality" that prevented the committee and Joe McGinnity, of Tacoma, from coming to an agreement on the managership of the team this year. It is expected, despite the positive attitude of local supporters of the baseball team not to pay balances on salaries for which they were not responsible, the committee will reach an agreement with the unpaid players.

Negotiations are practically complete for an inside baseball ground.

CHARGE DISMISSED

Former Western Scots Men Get Off on Sedition Count for Lack of Corroboration.

After hearing the evidence in the cases against two former members of the 67th Western Scots, who were charged with uttering seditious language, Magistrate Jay this morning in Oak Bay police court, decided that it would not justify a conviction and ordered the discharge of the men.

Harry Fallon and George H. Webster were both members of the Western Scots, but were discharged some months ago, and since then they have been soldiering in other corps on the mainland. On Saturday last they were in the bar of the Willows hotel, and had been having several drinks, and in the course of the evening are said to have made remarks as to the pity of the men at the Willows not having been in the parliament buildings here and it being blown up.

Private C. S. Simpson, of the 88th, was the only witness to the statements, which he repeated as he had already given them to the police of Oak Bay. He said that in addition to the statement mentioned the men had talked about wrecking the Willows camp buildings, and the ease with which they could be approached where there were so many entrances.

Chief Syme told of the investigations he had conducted on being informed of what the men were alleged to have said.

The court did not consider, in view of the condition of the men at the time, and the lack of corroboration of Simpson's story, that it would be possible to convict them.

Fallon, who has been trying the 121st Western Irish at New Westminster after the Western Scots, is absent from his regiment without leave, and he is being held at police headquarters until a picket comes over after him.

ADMIRALTY CASE

King v. Despatch is Still at Hearing in the Admiralty Court.

The admiralty cases of the King v Despatch, and the Border Line Transportation company, owners of the steamer, against the king in right of the department of public works of Canada, were continued beforee Mr. Justice Martin, local judge in admiralty, and Admiral Story and Captain Hose, assessors, yesterday afternoon, when the case for the crown was concluded.

This forenoon the case for the owners of the Despatch was opened by E. V. Bodwell, K. C., and witnesses were called to tell the story of the collision of the steamer and the tug Point Hope at the harbor entrance as they saw it. These were cross-examined by W. C. Moresby, for the crown.

It was the testimony of the Despatch crew that their vessel had followed the signals given by the Point Hope and that the accident was due to the navigation of that tug, and not to anything that was done or neglected on the Despatch.

The suit and cross-suit are both for damages, claimed by each side to have resulted to its property by negligence on the other side.

UNSOLVED CASE OF MURDER IN ALASKA

Fairbanks, Alaska, Feb. 18. — The murder of Mrs. W. E. Rowe on the trail to the coast last July takes its place with the long list of unsolved deaths in Alaska, as a result of the court's action yesterday in freeing William O'Connor and Julius Miller of the charge. The evidence of the chief witness against the two men was not corroborated. Mrs. Rowe was said at the time she was murdered to have been carrying several thousand dollars on her person.

Manager Rowland, of the Chicago American league club, announces the sale of Infielder Johns and Pitcher Frank Davis to the Columbus American Association league club.

Charlie White, of Chicago, and Harry Pierce, of New York, lightweights, have been matched to box ten rounds before the Clermont A. C., Brooklyn, next Thursday night.

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March 23, 1907.

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LINERS COMING FROM THE ORIENT

Osaka Shosen Kaisha Steamer Hawaii Maru Will Arrive in Port This Evening

Within the next week four liners will arrive at this port from the Orient. These are the Osaka Shosen Kaisha steamer Hawaii Maru, the Blue Funnel liner Talthybius, the C. P. R. liner Empress of Japan and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Awa Maru.

R. P. Rithet & Co., agents for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha line were advised this morning that the Hawaii Maru would arrive at William Head at 4 o'clock this afternoon and should be at the outer wharf some time before 6 o'clock. The liner was expected yesterday, but it is probable that she has been delayed by bad weather. Recent arrivals reported encountering storms, and the Sado Maru, which came in on Wednesday, not only met storms, but in addition was kept back by the heavy fog.

The Talthybius is due on Tuesday from Hongkong and Yokohama. She is bringing about 14,000 tons of cargo from the Orient, including 1,000 tons for Victoria. She will be followed on Wednesday by the Empress of Japan, while on Thursday the Awa Maru is expected to arrive.

Outbound Liners.

Two liners will be sailing outbound, within a few days of each other, as the Osaka Shosen Kaisha steamer Tacoma Maru is scheduled to leave on Saturday, and the Manila Maru, of the same line, on Monday.

STEAMER GOVERNOR SAILS THIS AFTERNOON

The Pacific Coast Steamship company's steamer Governor will sail for San Francisco at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The steamer is leaving on time notwithstanding that she was nearly a day late arriving at Victoria from the south on her last trip.

Among the passengers who will join her here are Mrs. F. Jones and son, Mrs. J. R. Draper, George Campbell, Mrs. L. Robertson and son, Miss E. Hope, Charles Buecheler, H. M. Porteous, W. J. Akin, F. E. Herd, J. C. Clousen, Joseph Nesbitt, Mrs. W. Burrow and daughter, David Robertson, J. Fjhlyson, M. B. Jackson and family, A. Arnet and Mrs. R. V. Schacht.

PRICES ARE ADVANCING.

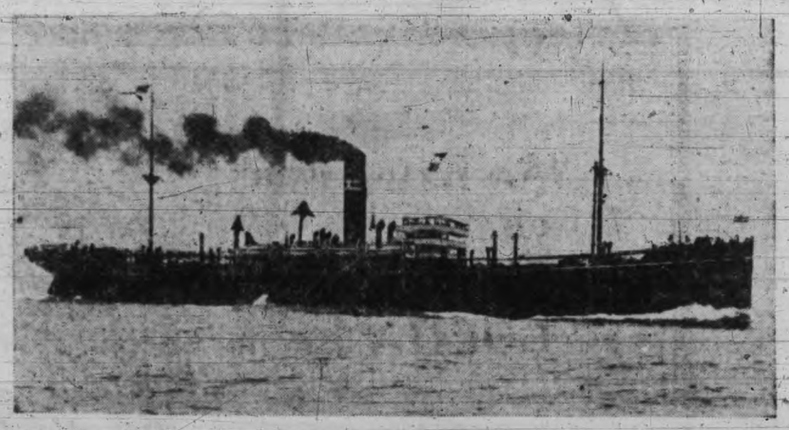
Portland, Ore., Feb. 18.—The destruction of the Inman-Poulson lumber mill here by fire yesterday, with its daily output of 360,000 feet, will give a material impetus, according to the statements of lumbermen to-day, to the advanced prices.

On account of the destruction or dismantling of numerous mills during the last few years, it was estimated that should all remaining plants in the northwest begin full operations the output would be 25 per cent. less than in 1907. For the first time in ten years, operators say, they have no fear of over-production with all mills running on a ten-hour day.

FOOD STOLEN FROM LAUNCH.

The inspection launch belonging to the department of marine and fisheries was broken into between the visit of watchmen to the craft last night. A quantity of food was carried away by the robbers.

ARRIVES TO-DAY FROM THE ORIENT



OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA LINER HAWII MARU

THE KING HONORS WIRELESS OPERATOR

H. J. Arnold Was Formerly Officer in Charge of Dominion Station at Ikeda

The news that H. J. Arnold has been made a companion of the Distinguished Service Order will be of interest to readers on Vancouver island and Northern British Columbia, as up to October, 1914, Mr. Arnold was in charge of the Dominion wireless station at Ikeda, Queen Charlotte Islands.

Mr. Arnold entered the Canadian government wireless service in June, 1911, being first employed as an operator at Triangle station and then at Cape Lazo. During one of the heavy gales at the Triangle station the aerial halyards were carried away. Operator Arnold volunteered to "shin" up the 200 feet mast and reeve a new halyard. This he accomplished, by no means an easy, nor safe exploit.

Later Mr. Arnold was transferred to Ikeda station as officer in charge. When the war broke out he had ambitions, chief amongst them being to work wireless from an aeroplane. He applied and obtained permission to resign, paid his own way to England, and joined the R. N. A. S.

Incidentally it might be mentioned that no boat was leaving Ikeda in time for Mr. Arnold to make connections with an Atlantic vessel he proposed to take. Nothing daunted, he proceeded across Hecate straits and Queen Charlotte sound in a 16 foot boat equipped with an Evinrude engine.

Mr. Arnold is 23 years of age and was born in England.

The London Times of recent date contained the following admiralty announcement:

His majesty the king has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of the following officers to the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of their services as mentioned, on the occasion of the operations against the Konigsberg:

Capt. Eric John Arthur Fullerton, R. N., Was in charge of two monitors, and conducted the operations in the river with complete success.

Commander Robert Amcotts Wilson, R.N. These two officers had to deal with a very difficult task, entering a river of which very imperfect information was obtainable, against an unknown and invisible defence, which might well have been very serious, and there is no doubt that the monitors were most fortunate in not being more severely handled by the enemy.

Squadron Commander Robert Gordon, R.N.A.S. Was in command of the air squadron. Was indefatigable in his work, and ran great risks in spotting and reconnoitring.

Flight Commander John Tulloch Cull, R.N.A.S.. Flight Sub-Lieut. Harwood James Arnold, R.N.A.S. Flight Commander Cull and Flight Sub-Lieut. Arnold were spotting on the 11th July, under fire, in a biplane, when the enemy's fire damaged it so that it descended in a quarter of an hour from 3,200 feet to 2,000 feet. During this time no attempt was made to return to headquarters at Mafia although it was obvious that this could not be done unless a start was made at once.

Flight Sub-Lieut. Arnold continued to send his spotting signals the whole time, and when a quarter of an hour later the machine was again hit and forced to descend, Flight-Commander Cull controlled the machine and Flight Sub-Lieut. Arnold continued to send spotting corrections to the last, after warning the monitors that they were coming down, and would endeavor to land near them.

The aeroplane finally came down in the river, turning over and over. Flight Commander Cull was nearly drowned, but was assisted by Flight Sub-Lieut. Arnold, and both were rescued by a boat from the Mersey.

WILL SAIL TO VLADIVOSTOK.

The Russian Volunteer Fleet has added another of its own vessels to the Seattle-Vladivostok route and will also press two chartered freighters into service. The company at present has two of its own ships, the Yaroslavl and the Tambov, in operation on the route. The Nijni-Novgorod, another vessel of its own fleet, has been ordered into service at the end of the month. The two chartered freighters will follow later. They are Japanese vessels.

WILL LEAVE FOR HOME.

Captain G. L. Robertson, agent of the Dominion marine and fisheries department, who is spending some time at Ottawa on business, will leave the capital on his way home on Sunday.

MEET COMPETITION IN ALASKAN TRAFFIC

American Railways Take Steps to Counteract Action of Canadian Lines

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—In order to meet the competition of Canadian railway lines, American roads with terminals on Puget Sound have decided to reduce their through fares from the east to Alaskan points. The G. T. P., by reason of having a shorter mileage, has been able to quote lower fares to Alaska than the more southerly transcontinentals, and the C. P. R. six months ago put into effect similar rates.

Fearing that Seattle would suffer a considerable diversion of traffic as a consequence of the geographical advantages possessed by the G. T. P., and the action of the C. P. R. in equalizing its rates on the same basis, transportation interests in that city started a campaign to meet the exigencies of the situation. At a meeting of members of the North Pacific Coast Passenger Agents' association held in Seattle recently steps were proposed to deal with the question. Several suggestions were made, but no decision was reached, the principal objection being on the part of the steamship companies which contended that the rail lines should absorb the major part of the difference in the competitive rates.

Another session of the North Pacific Coast Passenger Agents' association was held in Portland yesterday. Representatives of the affected American lines agreed to act in conjunction with the Alaskan steamship companies in arranging an absorption of the difference in the rates offered by the G. T. P. and C. P. R. The equalization will be borne pro rata by the land and water interests.

H. W. Brodie, general passenger agent for the C. P. R., and C. E. Jenney, general agent of the G. T. P. passenger department here, were in attendance at the meeting. Both returned to Vancouver this morning.

STEAMERS ENTERING OFF-SHORE SERVICE

Several Have Been Chartered for Trips to Japan and China; High Prices Prevail

Several steamers which hitherto have been operated exclusively in the coastwise trade will soon be on their way from San Francisco to Chinese and Japanese ports.

The war and increasing charter prices have resulted in a number of windjammers, which have been lying in the boneyards for years, returning to service. Several steamers also have entered upon new and extended careers. One of them is the City of Puebla, wel-known in this port, as for years she was on the run between San Francisco, Victoria and Puget Sound. She leaves the Golden Gate to-day for Yokohama and Hongkong. Another well-known vessel which has been drawn into the offshore traffic is the steamer Pennsylvania, which will sail from San Francisco on Monday for the Orient.

The Nan Smith, which has plied for years on the Pacific coast, has been chartered for a voyage to Japan and China.

The American steamer Edna has been fixed on time charter for a year in the Atlantic coast trade. The charter will bring her owners the sum of $240,000.

The Robert Dollar company has disposed of another of its steamers to the Japanese government, according to a report current in shipping circles today. Several days ago the concern was reported to have sold the steamer Robert Dollar to the Japanese for a sum exceeding $1,000,000. Now the company is reported to have done the same thing with the steamer Melville Dollar.

IXION SAILS TO-NIGHT.

The Blue Funnel liner Ixion, Captain Stout, will sail for the Orient to-night. The steamer left Seattle, where she has been for two weeks taking on cargo, at 1.30 p.m., and will arrive here about 6.30. She will sail out at 8.30 with a capacity cargo for Japan and China.

AWARDS MADE IN SEALING CLAIMS

Amounts Decided Upon by Mr. Justice Audette in Connection With Four Vessels

Announcement is made of the awards by Mr. Justice Audette, the commissioner, who inquired into the claims in connection with pelagic sealing. Sealers making claims both under the regulations of 1914 and the treaty of 1911, are only mentioned in schedule "C," which deals, exclusively with such claims as coming under the regulations and not within the ambit and provisions of the treaty of 1911. The awards follow:

Schooner Thos. F. Bayard, to the owners thereof (and retaining vessel), $7,000.

Schooner Lady Mine, to the owners thereof (and retaining vessel), $4,847.22; Enoch Grigg (hunter), $600; George Allen (hunter), $775; Carl W. Stoker, $615; Robert Stewart, $438; Evans Baker (hunter), $690.

Schooner Jessie, to the owners thereof, $6,000; Jens Blackstad (hunter), $800; Wm. F. Thornberg (boatsteerer), $150; A. Thornberg (boatsteerer), $206.50; Chas. Larsen (boatsteerer), $315; Wm. M. Delouchrey (master), $866.50; Hans Blackstad (master), $1,431.50; George Heater (master), $1,099.50; Burton M. Balcolm (master), $1,191.50; Henry Hutchins (A.B.), $250; Roderick McKinnon (A.B.), $260; James Goudie (hunter), $315; Richard McClure (A.B.), $283.32; Olf Olsen (A.B.), $321.12; Angus Hartling (A.B.), $368.80; Roland Keddy (A.B.), $350.35; Wm. Atkinson (A.B.), $288.52; Max Lohbrunner (hunter) $909; James E. Stewart (A.B.), $289.10; E. Coles (A.B.), $177.10; Melville Collinson (hunter), $1,111.50; Sidney Wambolt (A.B.), $186.35; John Wilson (A.B.), $250; Henry S. Blight, $301.70; Moses, of Nitinat, Indian, $107.50; Chief Williams, of Nitinat, Indian, $100.50; Sam Williams, of Nitinat, Indian, $80; Johnson, of Clayoquot, Indian, $150; Jim Touche, of Ucuelet, Indian, $99; Jimmie Thompson, of Nitinat, Indian, $175; Jasper Turner, of Clayoquot, Indian (hunter), $224; Johnny Jackson, of Clayoquot, Indian (hunter), $127.50; Chas. Hanson (A.B.), $229; Charles Grant, $363.75; Fred Daurie (A.B.), $335.82; Angus McDonald (A.B.), $249; Joseph Morell (hunter), $722; Jas. Stewart (A.B.), $262.67; Geo. Bates (A.B.), $203; Walter McGrath (A.B.), $200.

Schooner Pescawha, to owners, $9,000.

No mention has yet been made of the Umbrina which was sunk by the U.S.S. Corunna during her last season.

FISHING STEAMER DISABLED.

The steamer Admiral Farragut will tow the disabled steamer Pavlof, of the American Fisheries of Bellingham, to Seattle. The Pavlof, while on the way from Alaska to Bellingham, on Wednesday night dropped her propeller wheel, leaving her helplessly adrift. Her master was able to anchor between off Trinity islands, southwest of Kodiak island, Alaska, but she was in an exposed position. Wireless calls were sent out and these were picked up by the steamer Alameda, which was at Cordova, and she immediately proceeded to the assistance of the Pavlof. The Alameda will tow the disabled steamer to a safe anchorage and later she will be taken to Seattle. A wireless message from the Alameda stated that the gas schooner Hunter also was on her way to the assistance of the Pavlof, and would take off the officers and crew if she was in great danger.

TIDE TABLE.

February.

Date.	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
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1	.....	..	10:54	9.9	.....	..	19:40	0.6
2	5:22	8.4	7:06	8.3	12:00	9.7	20:32	0.7
3	5:16	8.2	8:14	7.8	13:01	9.3	21:03	1.1
4	5:06	8.1	9:16	7.1	14:04	8.8	21:44	1.8
5	5:03	8.2	10:16	6.4	15:05	8.1	22:24	2.8
6	5:20	8.3	11:17	5.7	16:14	7.4	23:03	3.8
7	5:46	8.4	12:19	5.0	17:40	6.7	23:39	4.8
8	6:15	8.6	13:22	4.5	19:39	6.3	....	..
9	0:08	5.8	6:46	8.7	14:28	3.9	....	..
10	....	..	7:18	8.8	15:31	3.5	....	..
11	....	..	7:51	8.8	16:28	3.1	....	..
12	....	..	8:25	8.7	17:19	2.8	....	..
13	....	..	9:00	8.7	18:06	2.5	....	..
14	6:19	8.7	.....	..	....	..	18:48	2.3
15	5:08	8.6	.....	..	....	..	19:24	2.1
16	5:21	8.3	8:30	8.1	11:50	8.3	19:57	2.0
17	5:23	8.0	8:21	7.7	12:37	8.2	20:29	2.1
18	5:13	7.7	8:30	7.2	13:26	8.1	21:02	2.3
19	4:46	7.5	9:54	6.6	14:15	7.8	21:35	2.8
20	4:20	7.5	10:03	5.9	15:20	7.5	22:08	3.4
21	4:44	7.6	10:48	5.3	16:11	7.1	22:39	4.2
22	5:01	7.8	11:43	4.6	17:32	6.6	23:08	5.0
23	5:19	8.1	12:41	3.9	19:15	6.3	23:35	5.8
24	5:36	8.5	13:40	3.2	.....	..	....	..
25	....	..	5:54	8.9	14:40	2.6	....	..
26	....	..	6:16	9.2	15:41	2.1	....	..
27	....	..	6:54	9.3	16:41	1.7	....	..
28	....	..	8:00	9.2	17:37	1.5	....	..
29	....	..	9:42	8.9	18:29	1.5	....	..

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17.—Passed: Str. Yeltai Maru, for Vladivostok.

Nanaimo, B. C., Feb. 17.—Sailed: Str. Yeltai Maru, for Vladivostok.

Boat Harbor, Feb. 17.—Arrived: Str. Victoria, from Seattle for Unalaska.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Arrived: Str. Grace Dollar, from Tacoma; str. G. C. Lindauer, from Gray's Harbor; str. Tamalpais, from the Columbia river; str. O. M. Clark, from Balboa. Sailed: Str. Tahoe, for Willapa Harbor; str. Santa Barbara, for the Columbia river; str. Congress, for Seattle; Jap. str. Kiyo Maru, for Coronel.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 17.—Arrived: Strs. Bear, Wapama, Mills and Asuncion, from San Francisco; str. F. A. Kilburn, from Coos Bay. Sailed: Str. Daisy Gadsby, for San Francisco.

Hongkong, Feb. 14.—Arrived: Str. Aki Maru, from Seattle. Sailed: Str. Chicago Maru, for Seattle; str. Tenyo Maru, for San Francisco.

Yokohama, Feb. 15.—Arrived: Str. Canada Maru, from Seattle for Hongkong; str. Panama Maru, from San Francisco.

Taltal, Feb. 16.—Arrived: Str. California, from Buenos Ayres for San Francisco.

Tocopilla, Feb. 16.—Sailed: Str. Columbia, for San Francisco.

Mororan, Feb. 17.—Sailed: Str. Mackinaw, from Vancouver, B. C., for Vladivostok.

Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 16.—Sailed: Schr. Crescent, for Puget Sound.

Melbourne, Feb. 14.—Sailed: Schr. David Evans, for Puget Sound.

Seattle, Feb. 17.—Arrived: Str. Sado Maru, Hongkong, via way ports; str. Jefferson, Southeastern Alaska; str. Al-Ki, Southeastern Alaska; str. Redondo, Southeastern Alaska, via Tacoma; str. Governor, Anacortes, via Bellingham; str. Itavalli, San Francisco, via Bellingham; sar. Comanche, Port Angeles. Sailed: Str. Sagmaw, Eagle Harbor; str. Eastholm, Vancouver, B. C.; str. Fulton, British Columbia ports.

WIRELESS REPORT

Feb. 18, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Fog; N. E., light; 30.23; 35; thick seaward.

Cape Lazo—Fog; calm; 30.20; 34; thick seaward.

Pachena—Clear; S. E., light; 29.76; 44; sea smooth.

Estevan—Clear; calm; 30.01; 40; sea moderate.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.94; 42; sea moderate.

Triangle—Cloudy; S. E., fresh; 30.02; 48; sea moderate.

Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.79; 45; sea moderate.

Ikeda—Overcast; S. E., fresh; 29.88; 49; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Clear; S. E., strong; 29.83; 44; sea rough.

Noon.

Point Gray—Foggy; calm; 30.16; 38; thick seaward.

Cape Lazo—Foggy; calm; 30.20; 41; thick seaward.

Pachena—Clear; S. E., fresh; 29.75; 52; smooth.

Estevan—Clear; calm; 29.95; 54; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; S. E., strong; 29.87; 48; sea rough.

Triangle—Hazy; S. E., strong; 30.04; 49; sea rough. Spoke steamer Spokane at 8.35 a.m. entering Millbank Sound, southbound.

Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.81; 46; sea smooth.

Ikeda—Overcast; S. E., fresh; 29.73; 49; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Clear; E., fresh; 29.81; 47; sea moderate. Spoke oil steamer Atlas at 10 a.m., due at 2 p.m. Spoke steamer Princess Sophia at 10.30 a.m., due at 1.30 p.m.

SPECIAL RAILWAY FARES.

At a meeting of the Transcontinental Passenger association in Chicago arrangements were made for westbound colonist fares and the special summer excursion and tourist round-trip fares. The colonist westbound fares will be in force from March 25 to April 15. The summer excursion fares will commence on May 16 and tickets will be on sale daily until September 30, being good to October 31. The fares will be the same as last year.

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BIG PRICE FOR STEAMER.

New York, Feb. 18.—An instance showing the high prices paid for steamships because of the extraordinary demand for trans-Atlantic freight transportation became known here, when it was stated that the steamer Dunholme had been sold to an oil company for $850,000. Four years ago the hulk of the Dunholme was sold for $30,000, after a fire which burned away her superstructure and interior fittings. The Dunholme is capable of carrying 5,500 tons.

Mrs. Shiftless—"There! I've hung up the children's stockings. I wonder what Santa Claus will bring?" Candid Neighbor—"Well, if he's at all observing, he'll bring some darning cotton and needles!"

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

DEEP SEA ARRIVALS

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Hawaii Maru	Saito	—	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Feb. 18
Talthybius	Cullum	6,300	Dodwell & Co.	Hongkong	Feb. 22
Empress of Japan	F. L. Davison	3,590	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Feb. 23
Awa Maru	—	2,829	G. Northern	Hongkong	Feb. 24
Mexico Maru	T. Yamaguchi	2,750	R. P. Rithet & Co.	Hongkong	Feb. 28
Shidzuoka Maru	Tozawa	4,200	G. Northern	Hongkong	March 8
Niagara	Rolls	7,600	C. P. R.	Sydney	March 10
Monteagle	Hailey	2,900	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 10
Chicago Maru	K. Hori	3,800	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	March 18
Kamakura Maru	Ugo	—	G. Northern	Hongkong	March 23
Canada Maru	Suzuga	2,800	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	April 1
Tenyo Maru	Nagasue	3,800	G. Northern	Hongkong	April 6
Empress of Russia	W. Davison	6,739	C. P. R.	Hongkong	April 9
Tacoma Maru	Hamada	3,800	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	April 24
Empress of Asia	Robinson	8,834	C. P. R.	Hongkong	May 7

DEEP SEA DEPARTURES

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	For	Due
Tacoma Maru	Hamada	3,800	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Feb. 19
Manila Maru	Kobyashi	5,200	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Feb. 21
Sado Maru	Murazumi	3,900	G. Northern	Hongkong	Feb. 24
Empress of Japan	Davison	3,590	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 4
Hawaii Maru	Saito	—	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	March 4
Awa Maru	Hori	2,829	G. Northern	Hongkong	March 7
Niagara	Rolls	7,600	C. P. R.	Sydney	March 15
Monteagle	Hailey	3,900	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 18

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Steamer Princess Victoria leaves daily at 2.30 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary daily at 11.45 p. m.

From Vancouver

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Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 4.30 p. m.

From Seattle

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From Port Angeles

Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.

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From San Francisco

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From Comox

Steamer Charmer arrives every Sunday.

For Prince Rupert

Steamers Prince Rupert and Prince John leave Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 a. m.

From Prince Rupert

Steamers Prince Rupert and Prince John arrive Mondays and Fridays at 6 a. m.

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Steamer Princess May leaves Feb. 18, March 3, 14, and 24.

From Skagway

Steamer Princess May arrives Feb. 27, March 12 and 23.

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Steamer Tees leaves on first and twentieth of each month.

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MUST HAVE FUNDS IF WORK IS TO CONTINUE

Victorian Order of Nurses, Giving Indispensable Services to Community Need Support

The urgent necessity of increased public subscriptions and an appeal for funds was the most emphasized clause in the president's appeal at the annual meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses. In view of the splendid public service given through the organization the appeal should not pass unheeded, for the figures quoted in the annual district nurses' report show that between them the two nurses made a total of 3,664 visits in the year just closed. Of this number the majority of patients were non-paying, the order always making a point of accepting this type of case first. In the past twelve months a great deal of free nursing for the soldiers' wives and families has also been done. In order to continue the work efficiently the funds must be increased, the president calling attention to the fact that the annual cost of maintaining the nurses' home and the nurses was in the neighborhood of $2,200.

President's Report.

The presidential report was a comprehensive review of the work for the past year, and contained an expression of regret that the order not only had lost the very substantial grant of $500 from the government, but had also experienced a material falling off in the private subscriptions. In order to continue the work as it had been done in the past, each and everyone would have to make it her special duty to work upon some plan to aid the failing treasury. This might perhaps be done by each member advertising wherever possible the usefulness and necessity of the work, as well as keeping up the canvass for collections. Only a few faithful members who had the work really at heart kept up their attendance at the meetings. Naturally the interest in the society was not as widespread as it should be as a consequence, which was a pity. For no work should be more appealing to the sympathies of these women than the alleviation of pain and suffering among the poor and needy.

In the course of her report Mrs. Harold Robertson referred with gratitude to the fact that the order had in their head nurse a person so thoroughly capable, tactful, energetic, and altogether satisfactory as Miss Wallace, who was appreciated by the committee, the doctors and the patients, all of whom had nothing but praise for her and her nursing. For a time the work was so strenuous that they thought they would have to get a third nurse, but owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the finances and the slight lightening of the work they had decided to manage for a little longer with the two. In the last few months they had widened their sphere of action a little by undertaking visiting for the Anti-Tuberculosis society. This has added considerably to the duties of the head nurse, but had worked satisfactorily for both societies.

"We hope gradually to develop this branch of nursing as there is a great opening here for a tuberculosis nurse," said the president. "I should urge upon the new committee the necessity of keeping this in view, and if possible to take the matter up with the city to see if something cannot be arranged."

Secretary's Report.

Eleven regular monthly meetings had been held during the year, said the secretary in her annual report. The flat furnished just a year ago for the nurses has proved a success, and for the first six months the expenses per month had averaged $72.08, including many items for household furniture. Miss Wallace and Miss Turner had been the nurses for the past year until the resignation of the latter recently owing to ill-health. Miss Norcross had come to fill her place. The nurses attended 460 cases during the year, 131 being non-paying. The sum of $741 had been collected in fees. The work of the Metropolitan Life Insurance had also entailed many visits. Kind friends had donated parcels of clothing, and the Florence Nightingale Chapter, I. O. D. E., had donated a well-filled maternity bag.

Thanks were expressed to the B. C. Electric Railway company for tickets, the press, and all others who had in any way helped the work of the society.

The following was the treasurer's statement:

Jan. 1, 1915, balance on hand	$ 822 88
Subscriptions	638 95
Collected by nurses	731 85
Saanich municipality	50 00
Corporation City of Victoria	300 00
Oak Bay municipality	100 00
St. John's Ambulance	25 00
Anti-Tuberculosis society	120 00
Savings bank interest	12 10
	$2,800 78

Disbursements.

Salaries	$1,412 00
Housekeeping expenses, including telephone, car fares, etc.	783 46
Drugs	23 80
Furnishings	148 55
Rent	154 00
Fuel	28 00
Balance on hand	250 97
	$2,800 78

The district nurses' report showed among other things that the total number of visits paid during the year had been 3,664; of the cases attended, 89 paying, 131 non-paying.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Mrs. Harold Robertson as president; Mrs. Phipps, first vice-president; Mrs. Hay, second vice-president; Mrs. Gwalding Wilson, third vice-president; Miss Oldfield, secretary; Mrs. Forman, treasurer.

FIRST PRESBYTERIANS IN ANNUAL MEETING

Satisfactory Reports Submitted by All Departments; Growth in Membership

The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian church, Quadra and Fisguard street, was held last night. Reports from every department of the church were very gratifying, showing among other things that the present total membership was 1,035, that the givings for the year were $1,500 more than last year despite the prevailing financial depression, and that things within the social life of the church were generally flourishing.

Rev. J. G. Inkster, pastor of the church, was highly pleased with the reports submitted, and expressed surprise that the church was in such a sound financial position.

The report of the treasurer showed that the givings for other purposes than the building fund were $1,500 more than for the fiscal year ending February, 1915. The building fund, however, was less than last year, reducing the total givings to the same point, practically, as when the report was submitted last February. The building fund had benefited by subscriptions to the amount of $5,763. Benevolence, home and foreign missions had brought in more than $3,300.

During the year a gain of 109 new members had been made in the membership, stated Mr. McLorie in his report as clerk of the session. New members to the number of 245 had been added, 136 had withdrawn, leaving a total membership of 1,035, or an increase of 109 over last year. The minister in the last twelve months had officiated at 43 marriages, 55 baptisms, and 26 funerals. Nine members of the congregation had been taken by death.

Among the other interesting reports were that of the Sunday school, showing a membership of 452; the Christian Endeavor society, which had considerably increased its membership and givings and been enabled to assist in the maintenance of a minister in Formosa; of the Women's Missionary society, which had doubled both in membership and subscriptions; and of the Young Women's Bible class, which had added twelve members. One hundred and sixty members of the church, it was announced, had joined the colors. The Mission band report was read by Miss Florence Challoner, and showed that funds were being raised by the young members for both patriotic and church purposes.

Auditors for the forthcoming year were chosen, Messrs. John McBride and Norman Ross being elected, and the vote for board of management resulted in the following being elected: Messrs. J. T. McDonald, Kenneth Ferguson, Henry Norman, J. P. Dill and R. W. Mayhew.

A department practically new in the life of the church is the Athletic association which has one of the finest gymnasiums in the city in which to carry on its work. The gymnasium, it was reported, had been completely equipped with all the necessary appliances, dressing rooms, shower baths, etc., and arrangements are being made for the holding of Swedish drill, basketball, calisthenics, swimming, etc., during the coming year. The Athletic association also had charge of the arrangements in hand for the holding of baseball, lacrosse, tennis, etc., during the coming year.

The officers chosen for the Athletic association for the ensuing year are: J. G. Brown, Miss B. Briggs, P. McKechnie and Henry Sargison.

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RESUMING COLLECTION OF GARBAGE SERVICE

Gathering of Debris and Street Sweeping Now Engaging Engineering Department

The garbage collection service was resumed with the return of normal conditions this week, and in order to cope with the large amount of refuse which has collected during the time that collections were suspended, all the available teams are at work. The residents are asked to show some patience, because as soon as opportunity offers the men will call. The prospect is that the whole of the residential sections will be in hand by next week.

With the removal of household refuse is closely associated the cleaning up of the streets, and already it will have been noticed that the brushes have been at work downtown. To the casual observer, it would seem an easy plan to flush the debris which has gathered during the snowfall into the gutters, but experience shows that the manure and similar material gathers in the catch basins, and would have to be dug out to allow the liquids to drain away. Therefore in order to prevent the filling up of the basins, the bulk of the debris will be taken away by hand, and then the streets will be flushed, keeping the surface clean. It will take some time to take in all the paved streets.

Pedestrians will have noticed that the snow removal has damaged and intensified the defective condition of the wood-block streets, and some reference to this situation is expected in streets committee to-day, because while temporary repairs have been imperative the life of several of the by-laws has expired, and renewal with new blocks or surfacing with asphalt is bound to be carried out in the near future.

While little sewer work is in hand, progress is being made on one tunnel for the northwest sewer, but the open cut north of Selkirk water will be delayed till some trees on the right of way can be moved. South of the Arm pipe laying is proceeding in the most northerly tunnel, and the last manhole is under construction.

A moment of silence fell on the occupants of the club smoke-room. The secretary cleared his throat, shifted his pipe from his mouth, and seized his chance to get a word in edgeways. "About the war——," he began. A loud murmur of protest checked him, but he started off again. "About the war——." "Shut up about the war," yelled the whole room in chorus. "Shut up yourselves," roared back the secretary. "As I was saying, about the warped condition of the committee room table, I shall be ready to receive any small donations for repair of same, starting from to-night. That will be all, gentlemen!"

SET TRAPS TO SNARE HUNGRY GAME BIRDS

Chinese Put Up Defence That They Were After Raccoons but Are Fined

There have been occasional complaints of Chinese setting traps to catch game birds, especially since the snowfall made it harder for the birds to find food. A case of this kind was found out near Beaver Lake a couple of weeks ago, and resulted in prosecutions, the cases being heard in the provincial police court to-day.

Sung was accused of setting out traps on January 25, and pleaded not guilty, his excuse being that he had set the traps to catch coons. He was defended by R. C. Lowe.

Arthur Carter, deputy game warden, paid a visit to the Beaver Lake district on January 24, and in a field adjoining the V. & S. track, about two hundred yards north of Beaver Lake station, he found two figure 4 traps. From what could be seen of the field beneath the snow it was used as a vegetable garden. The traps were baited with wheat.

Richard Gidley, deputy game warden, went out to the lake on the following morning, and in the same field he found three traps set close to the track and two others out of sight in a hollow. These were all baited with grain for birds. The accused was seen and stated that he had been told by the "boss-man," Wong, to set the traps.

The accused repeated his coon explanation on oath, and claimed that he had baited the traps for that animal, but he could not explain how it was that the traps remained unsprung, and with only grain in them. There was no sign of the fish that he said he had put there for the coons.

Wong and another Chinese told the same story as to the game they were after, but Wong denied that he had ordered the traps to be set.

Magistrate Jay held that there was a clear case against the accused, and fined him $15 and $2.50 costs.

The charge which was laid against Wong was withdrawn, in view of his statement.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

Officers of Council for Half Year Are Chosen; James Taylor, President.

The meeting of the Trades and Labor council took place on Wednesday evening, when, owing to the absence from the city of the president, A. S. Wells, the secretary opened the gathering and Delegate S. G. Peele was appointed chairman for the evening. Communications were received from the Returned Soldiers' Aid commission, endorsing the appointment of the president as a member of that committee, and from the Trades and Labor congress showing their activities in regard to securing a fair wage schedule on war contracts in Canada. This letter met with the approval of all present.

A letter from the local Anti-German union was criticized, and after discussion it was decided to leave the matter alone.

Delegate Sivertz reported as delegate to the recent convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor, which was a pronounced success. He had been appointed vice-president for Victoria district of that body. The election of officers took place and resulted as follows: President, Jas. Taylor, Typographical union; vice-president, R. W. Nunn, Street Railwaymen's union; secretary, F. Holdridge, Letter Carriers' association; financial secretary, John Day, Plumbers' union; statistician, C. Sivertz, Letter Carriers' association; sergeant-at-arms, J. Bass, Barbers' union. Several other minor matters were dealt with and after a vote of thanks to the chairman the meeting adjourned till March 1. Owing to the lateness of the hour the election of committees was held over till the next meeting.

Mr. Simpurse (feeling his way)—"Your charming daughter tells me that she is an excellent cook and housekeeper." Old Lady (calmly)—"Yes, I have had her carefully taught, for I have always held that no lady who does not understand housekeeping can properly direct a retinue of servants."

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AUTOMOBILES FOR HIRE

JITNEYING to and from trains, boats, baggage and passengers. Phone 9241, or 3990. C. C. Smith. f19

JITNEY CARS—People wishing to hire jitney cars by the hour or for short trips should telephone Jitney Association Garage, number 2081.

FOR SALE—ARTICLES.

ENGLISH parlor billiard and bagatelle tables, pianos, to rent, or sale. Sales daily all classes furniture. Furniture wanted for cash. Select Auction Rooms, 813 Fort St. Phone 2272.

LARGE OR SMALL STUMPS can be destroyed at the cost of a few cents each by our chemical process; no hard labor involved and no explosives used. Write for particulars. Ideal Stump Destroyer Co., 160 Broadway East, Vancouver, B. C.

FOR SALE—Malleable and steel ranges, $1 down, $1 per week. 2001 Government street.

SALE of made to order suits for men and women; cutting done by C. Bo; reg. $25, sale price $17.50. C. Bon, corner Douglas and Johnson. Phone 5450. f18

FOR SALE—English telescope, by Watson, London, $15; Frangsugg tennis racquet, $4.50; accordion, $4.50; mandolin, $6; banjo and leather case, $7.50; Remington 12 gauge shotgun, automatic elector, $25; cornet, $4.50; overcoats, $1.75; wool blankets, double, $1.85; waterproof raincoats, $2.50; large bicycle gas lamp, $2.75; bicycle pumps, 25c; bicycle tires, $1; tire tape, 5c, or 3 for 10c; sterling silver cigarette cases, $4.50; Gillette safety razors, $2.75; playing cards, 10c a pack or 3 for 25c; sample trunks, all sizes, $4.50; Big Bens, $2.50; large quantity of machinists' tools at your own price. Jacob Aaronson's New and Second Hand Store, 572 Johnson St., Victoria, B. C. Phone 1747.

FOR SALE—English baby buggy, large size, cost $35; cheap, $12. Phone 9311L. f18

FOR SALE—Parker Bros'. hammerless 12-bore gun, also English gun. Bittancourt, Phone 980, 900 King's road. m1

FOR SALE—High pitch Boehm system flute, good condition, $20. Apply Box 1434, Times. f22

ENGLISH BABY BUGGY for sale, good condition, $7. 351 Robertson street, Fowl Bay. f18

FOR SALE—Robert Essex incubator, cost $45, capacity 410, good as new; take $15, lowest; too large for owner. Jones, 837 Fort street. Phone 1673L. f17 tf

HYBRID and American azaleas and rhododendrons, own root roses, heather, hollies, kalmias, cotoneasters, berberis, buddleas, pernettyas, and other choice shrubs. Price list on application to G. Fraser, Ucluelet, B. C. m14

WE STOCK complete line factory made springs for Cadillac, Buick, Chalmers, Dodge, E. M. F., Flanders, Ford, Hudson, Hupmobile, Studebaker and Overland. Thos. Plimley, 730 Johnson street. o30 tf

FOR SALE—AUTOMOBILES.

FIVE passenger Ford touring car for sale, in excellent condition, cheap for cash. Apply Pacific Motor Co., 941 View St. f18

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

FURNISHED housekeeping rooms, 920 Fort St. f19

FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms; gas cook stove, kitchenette, open fires; comfortable and select. 483 Superior. f26

NICELY FURNISHED housekeeping rooms, 15 minutes from City Hall, $3 up. 600 Gorge road. Phone 1697R. f22

MISCELLANEOUS.

SNOW, the beautiful snow—Phone Jones, 1673L, for clearing roof, etc. 837 Fort street. f7tf

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SELL for cash, no matter what it is, Jacob Aaronson, 572 Johnson street, second hand dealer. Phone 1747. 35 horse power car at your service free.

C. P. COX, piano tuner, graduate of School for Blind, Halifax. 159 South Turner street. Phone 1212L. f19

JONES, carpenter and cabinetmaker. Jobbing work promptly attended to. Fence work, etc. Phone 1673L, 837 Fort street.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED—Small range, must be cheap; state price. Box 1571, Times. f19

FORD CAR or chassis wanted, any condition. Apply D. Atkinson, 930 Fairfield road. Phone 3517R. f19

SOLDIER'S MOTHER, no children, would like to have care of piano. Address 1645 Oak Bay Ave., city. f18

YOUNG LADY, in office all day, would like comfortable room and board, vicinity Fort street preferred. Box 1561, Times. f18

WANTED—Old Canadian or other postage stamps. Marriner, Cowichan Station. f18

WANTED—To purchase, comfortable baby carriage, in good condition. Phone 1654. f18

FURNITURE wanted in large or small quantities. If you have a house of furniture for sale phone me. S. H. J. Mason, Hillside and Quadra streets. Phone 3170L. f21

WANTED TO BUY—Kodak; must be bargain. Box 1500, Times. f19

WANTED TO BUY—Diamonds; no dealer. Box 1500, Times. f19

WANTED TO BUY—Shot gun; must be bargain. Box 1500, Times. f19

IF YOU DON'T DEAL WITH US we both lose money. We pay best prices for rubber, rags, copper, brass, lead, zinc, etc. Kindly ring us up at once. Phone 3702. Alaska Junk Co., 1421 Store street, corner Cormorant. f18

WANTED—Second-hand tools of all descriptions. Phone 3702. Alaska Junk Co., 1421 Store street, corner Cormorant. f18

WANTED—Carpenters' tools, clothing, trunks and valises, tents, guns, furniture, jewelry, gramophones, boots and shoes, also machinery and old gold and silver. I will call at any address. Jacob Aaronson's new and second hand store, 572 Johnson St., Victoria, B. C. Phone 1747.

HIGH PRICES paid for gentlemen's clothing. Phone 4329. I. Herman, 1421 Government street.

WANTED—All kinds of junk. See us before selling. Canadian Junk Co., 509 Johnson. Tel. 5095.

SITUATIONS WANTED—(Female)

MUNICIPAL FREE LABOR BUREAU is prepared to fill any vacancy for male or female, in skilled or unskilled labor, at once. Phone or write.

WANTED TO RENT—HOUSES

WANTED—To rent, 3 roomed shack, partly furnished, large lot or acreage, with barn or chicken houses, near city car line. Box 1566, Times. f19

WANTED—By end of March or April, modern, 5 roomed house, by reliable tenants, in half-mile circle; moderate rent. E. M. Thomson, General Delivery, P. O. f19

WANTED—Houses to rent; strict attention given. The Griffith Company, Hibben-Bone Building.

DANCING.

B. AND V. CLUB—The next social dance, Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Connaught Hall, View street. For invitations apply Gus Brown or R. Vipond. Phone 3196R. f23

BOYD'S DANCING CLASS—Monday night's, 8 p. m. Castle walk, southern walk, pigeon walk, sidestep, onestep, fox trot, etc. Progressive Temple, Blanshard and Pandora. Private lessons arranged. Phone 3230R. f24

EXCHANGE.

EXCHANGE—Five roomed house, basement and furnace, on Graham street, mortgage $1,200, will take lot for equity. Renting and insurance a specialty. Northwest Real Estate, 719 Yates, Finch Bldg. f19

FOR RENT—HOUSES (Unfurnished)

FOR RENT—HOUSES AND APARTMENTS, furnished and unfurnished, in all parts of the city. Lloyd-Young & Russell, 1012 Broad street, ground floor, Pemberton Building. Phone 4532.

FOR RENT—Three roomed house, Hillside avenue, near Quadra. Apply 630 Johnson street. f19

TO LET—Modern, 7 roomed house, 1559 Oak Bay avenue. Phone 731L. f23

TO LET—Seven roomed house, McClure street, close to Vancouver street, 7 minutes from Post Office, in good condition, only $13 per month. Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort street. f19

TO LET—House, 6 rooms, 402 Quebec St. Apply 403 Young St. Phone 2165L. m12

SEVERAL new houses to rent at low rates. The Griffith Company, Hibben-Bone Building.

FOR RENT—MISCELLANEOUS.

STORE AND BASEMENT to rent at 726 Fort St., 6,500 sq. ft. floor space. Phone 552 Colbert's Plumbing Co., 754 Broughton St. tf

ONE AND TWO-ROOM OFFICES to let in Times Building. Apply at Times Office.

FURNISHED ROOMS.

TO RENT—Three or four rooms and use of kitchen, in nicely furnished bungalow. Apply 1433 Grant street. f18

NICE ROOM, close in, bath and phone; suit one or two men; reasonable. Phone 3166R. m14

OSBORNE COURT, Phone 3273, (formerly The Oaks), 817 McClure street. Furnished bedrooms, with or without baths. Hot and cold running water in every room. Hot water heating system. f18

BRUNSWICK HOTEL—50c night and up; $2 weekly and up; best location, first-class, no bar; few housekeeping rooms. Yates and Douglas.

HELP WANTED—(Female.)

WANTED—General servant. Mrs. J. F. Beldon, 1560 Gladstone St.

IF YOU HAVE WORK for a few hours, days or weeks, won't you send in your name to the Municipal Free Labor Bureau and let us send you the man or woman to do that work?

LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—From 1721 Rockland avenue, a liver and white Clumber spaniel pup, owner's name and city license on collar. Finder will kindly notify telephone 336. f18

LOST—On Saturday, a black enamel shamrock brooch. Reward at 1007 Government street. f18

ROOM AND BOARD.

THE BON ACCORD, 845 Princess Ave. Seven minutes' walk from City Hall, near new Drill Hall. Rooms from $5 per month; room and board, $7 per week; single meals, 25c. Phone 2857L. m18

FIRST-CLASS ROOMS, with or without board, steam heat, 926 Humboldt St. Phone 4837L. m5

GOOD BOARD AND ROOM, $6 per week, at 942 Pandora. Phone 2634L. m4

ROOM AND BOARD, heat, 1157 Johnson street. f28

SITUATIONS WANTED (Male.)

YOUNG CHINESE wanting any kind of work, or cooking, at hotel, restaurant, on steamer, camp, private families, and keeping on elevator, with experience of many years. Phone 2514. G. R. George, 1709 Government St. m6

WE HAVE A WAITING LIST of skilled and unskilled laborers, clerks, bookkeepers, etc., both men and women, ready and anxious for employment. What do you need done? Municipal Free Labor Bureau.

FOR SALE—HOUSES.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Six-roomed residence, with 3 acres of land, suitable for chickens or small fruits; close to station, P. O., and store. Apply D., Cobble Hill.

FOR SALE—ACREAGE.

80 ACRES picked farming land, Bulkley Valley, settled district, close to railway, $1,000. Terms, $400 cash, balance over five years. 203 Jones Block. f19

FOR SALE—PROPERTY

GARDEN CITY—½ acre lots at less than half-price; St. Charles St., building site, best locality, low taxes, bargain for cash; five acre farms, fronting on Sooke river and main road, all cleared, water piped all over property, close to C. N. R. station, school, store and hotel, $100 per acre, easy terms; six-room bungalow, modern, furnace, large garden, cement basement, close in, worth $5,000, mortgage $2,000 at 7 per cent., will sell equity for $1,500, easy terms; Burleith, fine building site, fronting on Craigflower Rd., bargain; for rent or lease, small store, plate glass front, North Park St., near Cook St., $15 per month; for rent or lease, 4-room cottage, near cor. North Park and Cook, newly done up, $10 per month. Apply W. T. Williams, 510 Belmont Bldg. Phone 5267. f21

NOTICE

In the Matter of the Estate of Isabella Catherine Hunter, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the late Isabella Catherine Hunter, who died on or about the 12th day of January, 1916, at the City of Victoria, B. C., are required to send the same with full particulars in writing, duly verified, to the undersigned, solicitor for the executor under the will of the said deceased, on or before the 29th day of February, 1916, and that after the last-mentioned date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 28th day of January, 1916.

H. S. PRINGLE,
208-9 Central Bldg., Victoria, B. C.,
Solicitor for the said Executor.

NOTICE.

In the Matter of the Estate of Ada Louisa Prothero, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the deceased, who died on the 13th January, 1916, at the City of Victoria, are required to send the same, duly verified, to the undersigned, solicitors for the Executor of the will of the said deceased, on or before the 21st day of February, 1916, after which date the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to claims of which he shall then have had notice.

Dated the 20th day of January, 1916.

BASS & BULLOCK-WEBSTER,
Law Chambers, Bastion Street, Victoria,
British Columbia.

LETTERS TELL HOW MANUFACTURERS WARNED PREMIER ABOUT WAR BUYING

Premier Replied That Charges Not Substantiated and Made With Lack of Responsibility

Some Specific Instances Given Where Middlemen Got in Their Work to Advantage

Correspondence between the government and the Canadian Manufacturers' association, which was repeatedly asked for last session by Hon. Geo. P. Graham, has been finally tabled in the house by Sir Robert Borden. The correspondence relates to the complaints made on behalf of the Manufacturers' association with regard to the unsatisfactory manner in which the government was handling contracts for war supplies. When it was asked for last session, Sir Robert Borden intimated at first that it was of a private character, and could not be presented to the house without the consent of the manufacturers' association. In tabling it to-day, the prime minister said that this consent had not been secured in time to present the letters to the house before prorogation last April.

Was Not Confidential.

In the correspondence, as it is now produced, Mr. Murray, the secretary of the association, distinctly notifies the premier that the correspondence was neither private nor confidential, and this notification was given on January 4 of last year. "I purposely refrain," writes Mr. Murray, "from marking my letters 'private' or 'confidential.' Consequently, you are at liberty to make such use of them as you see fit." The last letter in the correspondence written by Sir Robert to Mr. Murray was dated February 5 of last year. Under the circumstances, it is rather difficult to see why the letters could not have been produced last session when asked for both by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Geo. P. Graham.

Why they were not produced may be readily surmised from the contents of the correspondence. Writing on behalf of the Manufacturers' association, and by the instructions of the official heads of that association, Mr. Murray charges bad business methods, favoritism, the securing of contracts through middlemen, and other irregularities, all "giving rise to a good deal of dissatisfaction." In response to a request from the premier for particulars, he cites specific cases.

Sir Robert's Rebuke.

Sir Robert, after investigating these cases, holds that the charges were not substantiated; and in his final reply, while declaring that the government would be glad to have any further information, so as to prevent any waste of public money, yet he intimates that "further investigation and discussion along this line will be of little assistance, unless you can assure yourself that the allegations made to you are more carefully considered, and made with a greater sense of responsibility.

Too Many Rumors.

On October 23, 1914, three weeks after the war broke out, G. M. Murray, secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' association, with the approval of President Harrison and Vice-President Sherrard, wrote to the prime minister suggesting "a radical modification in the system which seems to govern the placing of business for army supplies." Mr. Murray continues: "making all due allowance for the fact that some manufacturers may not have had the necessary equipment and that others may not have been able to guarantee satisfactory deliveries, it is apparently true that some have had more than their fair share of business, while others have gone without—stories there are going around which may have no foundation in fact, but the persistency with which they are being circulated and the circumstantial detail with which they are being backed up is creating a feeling of suspicion and distrust that is doing the government real harm.

"It would seem wise to remove all ground for suspicion by throwing the business wider open, and by placing it in all instances with manufacturers direct instead of through middlemen. The latter method would insure competitive prices, and give you the satisfaction of dealing in all cases with responsible parties."

Suggested a Remedy.

Mr. Murray suggests on behalf of the association, several reforms, including the letting of all contracts by tender after proper advertisement; the establishment of a permanent government sample room at Ottawa and branch sample rooms at other points, where samples of all goods carried should be available to the inspection of contractors; that preference should be given in every case, other things being equal, to Canadian products; that generally speaking, the policy pursued should be frank and open so as to induce Canadian contractors to quote on any lines they may be capable of producing.

The association offered free advertising in Industrial Canada to all advertisements calling for tenders from manufacturers.

To this letter Sir Robert Borden replied on November 18, saying that while it was desirable that all supplies should be procured by tender and contract, yet during August and September circumstances made it impossible to adhere to this policy. He maintained that the preference was given in all cases to Canadian products, and that he was not aware of any case in which the government's policy had not been "frank and open."

Lack of Courtesy.

He asked Mr. Murray for specific instances. On November 15, Mr. Murray replied stating that the first letter was written with a purpose of making constructive suggestions. He admits that in many cases the stories of irregularities had been much exaggerated, but he cites some of the instances desired by Sir Robert. In the first place there had been "LACK OF COURTESY AND DISCOURAGEMENT OF ENTERPRISE." For instance, E. Buffum, representing the Hendrie Mfg. Co., came to Ottawa with a motor cycle with machine-gun attachments. He stayed around Ottawa for several days, but could not get General Hughes to even look at it, notwithstanding the fact that officials had reported very favorably upon it. The International Harvester Co., of Hamilton, after securing American ideas, had built a special army wagon. It was sent down to Ottawa for an inspection, but the company could not get a single officer to look at it.

Shirts Were Returned.

George Douglas, of Thornton & Douglas, Ltd., Hamilton, charged that on interviewing the director of contracts regarding uniform contracts, he was told that there was only one firm in Canada which could make uniforms, and that was Mark Workman, of Montreal. The Reilly Mfg. Co., the Dalton Mfg. Co., and A. R. Clark & Co., received definite orders for khaki drill shirts to the respective amounts of $1,500, $1,000 and $500. The shirts were made according to the sealed pattern and delivered. They were shortly afterwards returned without any explanation, though the same firms were making shirts for the British war office.

Under the head of "business placed through middlemen," Mr. Murray instanced the case of a man named Morrison who claimed to be a personal friend of the minister of militia, and who told the Hendrie Mfg. Co., of Toronto, that he had the placing of $30,000 worth of orders for motor cycles. Mr. Feldman, of Montreal, a retailer with almost no credit standing, asked the Alaska Feather & Down Co., of Montreal, to tender on 1,000 double-deck bunks for the militia department. Chas. Slater, a retail shoe man, claimed to have received a large contract for boots for the first contingent, which he jobbed out among manufacturers in Montreal and Quebec.

Was a Middleman.

As an instance of how the department had to pay higher prices through this policy of ordering through middlemen, Mr. Murray instances the case of John M. Dode, of the Alton Knitting Mills, who "with the assistance of Richard Blain, M.P., secured an order for 3,000 blankets."

"I am informed," says Mr. Murray, "that it was alleged by either Mr. Blain or Mr. Dode that this Mr. Dode had a plant equipped for turning out blankets. He had no such plant, but accepted the order and afterwards succeeded in getting it filled by J. Walshaw & Son, of Bolton, Ont. The Standard Shirt Co., of Montreal, offered to supply shirts to the department for $14.75 per dozen. Being unable to obtain an order they approached H. Johnston, representing Murray-Kay Co., Ltd., of Toronto, who claimed to possess sufficient influence to obtain contracts when manufacturers could not get them direct. They afterwards received, through Mr. Johnston, an order for 2,000 shirts, the same as the sample submitted to the department. For these shirts the government paid $16.50 as against the original offer of $14.75.

Didn't Get Cheapest.

Other instances were quoted in the letters showing "Failure to utilize the cheapest market." It was alleged by Scythes & Code, of Toronto, that Hugh Carson, of Ottawa, supplied 15,000 duck nose-bags for the first contingent at 83½ cents. When tendering on identically the same article for the second contingent, Scythes & Co. quoted 60 cents each, with deliveries guaranteed. They were told their prices were too high, and that the order had been divided among Carson, Finney & Murray, Winnipeg, and Grant, Holden, Ottawa. Under the head of "Purchases of worthless materials," Mr. Murray's letter stated that two lorries had been drawn up on the exhibition grounds, Toronto, on which condemned bacon was being loaded with forks. This bacon, it was declared, had been supplied to Valcartier, and reshipped to Toronto.

On January 7, Sir Robert Borden wrote to Mr. Murray, stating that he was endeavoring to make a personal investigation. On February 19 he wrote again, answering some of Mr. Murray's specific charges. Dealing with the charge of official courtesy, Sir Robert pointed to the strain and pressure under which officials were working during the early days of the war. The charges that business had been conducted through middlemen, he said, was not borne out by the facts. The department of militia had told him it knew of no man named Morrison in connection with motor cycle contracts, nor of any man named Feldman in connection with deck bunks. He was told that Chas. Slater had received no contract for boots (a statement which, by the way, is refuted by the evidence given before the parliamentary committee on soldiers' boots). The Dode contract, said Sir Robert, had not been filled. As for the Standard Shirt Co., the information was that it had submitted a quotation for $16.50 per dozen on army shirts, but was compelled to come down to $14.50.

Without Foundation.

The charge of failure to utilize the cheapest market, Sir Robert declared to be "without foundation."

He explained the nose-bag purchase by the statement that the fall in the price of cotton had been very great between the time the orders were let for the first and second contingents. Messrs. Scythes & Co.'s price of 60 cents for nose-bags was not accepted, because it was not the lowest, and quotations of 58 cents and 59 cents were accepted.

The prime minister declared that there was no universal or arbitrary practice of splitting up orders, but the widespread commercial and industrial depression after the war imposed upon the government such measures of relief as were possible and proper for the government to take. One such measure was to see to it that as far as consistent with military consideration, the benefits accruing from military contracts should be distributed as wide as possible. Times and conditions, he said, were abnormal. In regard to the purchase of worthless material, he declared that it was preposterous to say that there were any widespread instances of this kind, and it was hardly fair to make criticisms without knowing the real facts.

Inaccurate Information.

In conclusion, he protested that the government was most desirous that in the provision of munitions and supplies of all kinds and at all times, not one dollar should be squandered or wasted. "But in view of what has been proven to be the inaccurate and apparently irresponsible nature of the information given to you and transmitted, I am bound to point out that further investigation and discussion along this line will be of little assistance unless you can assure yourself that the allegations made to you are more carefully considered and made with a greater sense of responsibility."

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL BAIN, DECEASED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having any claims or demands against the late Daniel Bain, who died on the 22nd day of May, 1915, at Victoria, British Columbia, are required to send by post prepaid, or to deliver to William James Brown and Percival Robert Brown, the Executors named in the Will of the said Daniel Bain, at the office of P. R. Brown, No. 1112 Broad street, Victoria, B. C., their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims, and a statement of their accounts, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the first day of March, 1916, the said William James Brown and Percival Robert Brown will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice, and that the said William James Brown and Percival Robert Brown will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person of whose claim they shall not then have received notice; and all persons indebted to the late Daniel Bain shall forthwith pay such indebtedness to the said William James Brown and Percival Robert Brown.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 18th day of January, 1916.

ELLIOTT, MACLEAN & SHANDLEY,
Solicitors for the said William James Brown and Percival Robert Brown.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY CROSSLEY DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claim or demands against the late Mary Crossley, who died on or about the 21st day of September, A. D. 1915, at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, are requested to send by post prepaid or to deliver to the undersigned, solicitor for Edward Pearson, the executor of the said Mary Crossley, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims and statements of their accounts verified by Statutory Declaration.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the 20th day of January the said Edward Pearson will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice; and that the said Edward Pearson will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any persons of whose claims he shall not then have received notice.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., the 15th day of December, A. D. 1915.

W. H. LANGLEY,
306 Pemberton Bldg., Victoria, B. C.,
Solicitor for within-named Executor.

NOTICE.

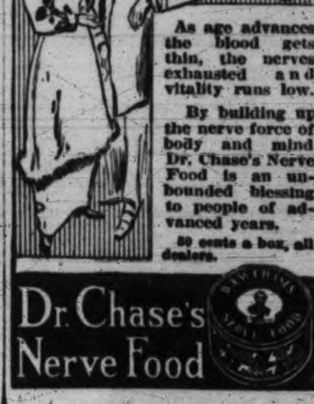
250 Shares of the Producers Rock & Gravel Company, Limited, for Sale.

Tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned for the purchase of the whole or any part of two hundred and fifty shares of fully paid up non-assessable stock of the Producers Rock and Gravel Company, Limited, of Store Street, Victoria, B. C., a Company incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, such tenders to be mailed or delivered to the undersigned so as to reach the undersigned by and inclusive of the 26th day of February, 1916. The undersigned reserves the right to reject the highest or any tender, and to accept any part of any tender.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 5th day of February, 1916.

(Signed) NEPTUNE METER COMPANY,
90 West Street, New York City,
N. Y., U. S. A.

Robertson (slightly deaf)—"Darling how your heart beats to-night; is it because I have proposed?" Isabella—"What you hear, sweetest, is the cistern filling with water."



A Good Home For Sale

Chamberlain Street, just off Oak Bay avenue, well-built 1½-storey bungalow of eight rooms, fully modern, on lot 63x120. Price, on any easy terms **$3,675**

CHOICE BUILDING SITE

Monterey Avenue, South, two large lots, size 96x180. Price, for the pair on terms **$2,150**

P. R. BROWN

1112 Broad St.

Money to Loan — Insurance Written.

The People's Prohibition Movement

Any **BONA FIDE** voter of the Province of British Columbia, to whom there has not been presented a copy of the petition now being circulated by the People's Prohibition Movement, may have the privilege of signing the same by calling at

MR. R. A. BROWN'S, 1302 Douglas Street

THE Y. M. C. A. or at

THE PROHIBITION ROOMS, 101-2 Union Bank Bldg.

LOCAL NEWS

F. L. Haynes means watchmaker and jeweler.

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Week-End Market.—A large attendance of stall holders is expected at the week-end public market, to-morrow, when a full line of all seasonable produce will be displayed.

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Irish Concert.—On St. Patrick's day, March 17, a first class Irish concert will be given in the Alexandra club. Some of the best talent in the city will assist. There will be three Irish dances. The concert will be given in aid of the poor in Victoria.

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Ward One Meets.—Members of Ward One Liberal association will meet at 7.45 this evening in the K. of P. hall, prior to the general meeting of the Victoria association.

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Missionary Meeting.—The Emmanuel B. Y. P. U. will hold a missionary meeting next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. H. Masters will be the speaker for the evening, and will take as his subject, "Slavery and Superstitions of the Walamea." A collection for mission work will be taken.

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City Police Commissioners.—The city police commissioners were in session to-day, the principal matter discussed being the police estimates, which had been approved tentatively by the outgoing commissioners. These showed a substantial reduction from 1915.

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Gives Month's Salary.—In appreciation of the work of the Victoria and Island Development association the president, Ald. R. J. Porter, has donated his salary as alderman for the city of Victoria for this month to the funds of the association. The amount is $33.33.

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New Manager for Bank.—E. F. Macneill, until recently inspector of the Bank of Nova Scotia, has been appointed manager of the Victoria branch of the bank succeeding W. H. Silver, who opened the bank in this city five years ago, and who has now been promoted to an important position in the head office of the bank at Toronto.

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Papers Forbidden the Mails. — The postmaster-general has ordered that Germania, a semi-weekly paper published in German by the Germania Publishing company, Milwaukee, and American Independent, a weekly paper published in San Francisco, shall not be allowed the use of the Canadian mails. Possession of copies of either of them, or any other prohibited paper is punishable by a fine of five thousand dollars or imprisonment for five years.

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Sentiment in the Islands.—William Cain, Mayne Island, is in the city to-day. He brings news of a great change in public sentiment in the Island constituency. The Conservative associations are falling off in numbers, and the electors are determined not again to be found supporting the present government. In all the islands which make up the district the Liberal candidate, M. B. Jackson, is expected to have a majority when the general election comes.

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Lecture on Opera "Louise."—Members of the Women's Canadian club are reminded that on March 15 Mrs. Van Ogle, of Seattle, will speak under their auspices at Government House, by kind invitation of Mrs. Barnard. The subject of Mrs. Van Ogle's address will be the opera "Louis." Mrs. Macdonald Fahey will illustrate the lecture with selections from the opera, and the afternoon is expected to be a particularly delightful one. Tickets may be obtained from members of the club after next Tuesday, and will be fifty cents each. Mrs. Van Ogle is a good speaker, and will be well remembered by all who heard her speak last year at the Alexandra club on the subject of the Russian opera, "Boris Godounow." She herself lived for some time in Europe, and studied with Leopold Godowsky, Harold Bauer and Josef Lhevinne. Her years of residence in the European capitals gave her a rare opportunity of becoming familiar with modern operas under the most favorable circumstances.

Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for:

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AM LEAVING FOR ENGLAND, will sell some good furniture privately, all new. Fumed oak buffet, oak table, and 6 diners, oak lounge, library table, Wilton rugs and carpets, Monarch range and gas range, heater, open stoves, etc., etc. Write for appointment. Box 1580, Times. f18

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FOR SALE—English piano, in good condition; $100 cash, snap; owner leaving for England. Box 1575, Times. f24

WANTED—Girl to assist in family of three, no children. 1221 Richardson St. f21

GOOD SHOE REPAIRING BUSINESS, cheap for quick sale. Apply, 321 Maitland. f24

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FURNISHED FLAT, 4 rooms, well furnished, close in, $15 per month. Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort street. f21

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VETERANS' CLUB.

Evidence of the interest taken in the B. C. Veterans' club formed here for the benefit of soldiers and sailors is shown in the fact that the senior officers of both services in the Victoria command are associating themselves with it. Col. A. T. Ogilvie, D.O.C., has expressed to the executive committee his pleasure in becoming the honorary president, and Rear-Admiral W. O. Story has accepted the office of vice-president.

She—"How do you like my skirt, dearie?" He—"Well, yes, I suppose it's all right; but isn't it a bit long for a kilt?"

"Ah," said the visitor, "this village boasts a choral society, I understand." "Na," said the native, "we never boast of it."

SAANICH WATERWORKS INAUGURATED TO-DAY

District Council is Now in Possession of Its Own Service

The opening of the Saanich waterworks took place to-day and thus in an informal way the distribution service for the Gorge, Maywood and Garden City districts becomes an actual possession of the Saanich council.

The connections from which the water is supplied in bulk by the city of Victoria, and taken at supply meters on the Burnside road, have been completed for some time. The point where water was turned in to the new mains to-day was at the junction of Burnside road and Albina street. The ceremony was quite informal, the representatives of the city and Saanich attending, and turning on the water into the Saanich mains.

Points which are still unsettled between the two councils will be determined, it is expected, in the course of the next few weeks, but none of them, it is anticipated, will cause any serious difference of opinion. Having settled the problem of boundary mains, the city is anxious to have transferred to Saanich all water services in the district, to prevent confusion in the future.

The impression prevails that the opening of the waterworks will bring a considerable number of consumers to the municipality, and that the total number of services on the mains will greatly exceed those hitherto managed by the city. In order to meet the financial burden entailed, an increase in the number of consumers is greatly sought, because the outlay over a large area proves an expensive proposition without the encouragement of additional services.

The Sooke lake water is purchased in bulk at six cents a thousand gallons from the city, and the price will decrease on a graduated scale as the consumption exceeds figures specified in the agreement of 1914, ratified by the ratepayers of Saanich at a vote on September 19, 1914, at the same time as the debenture issue was approved for the undertaking.

The waterworks owe their inception to the demand for a more elastic service than the city could give to the area outside the limits. Recognizing, however, that the splendid water supply of Victoria could not be duplicated anywhere, the district council came to amicable terms with the city to buy in bulk, thereby securing complete local control as well as a pure source of water. They had before them the example of Oak Bay, in which district for several years the municipality has bought water in bulk, and sold to its consumers retail.

The establishment of the waterworks has been complicated by the existence of local improvement areas where the owners had paid for the installation of small mains. In Garden City litigation had engaged the court at intervals, so that the extinction of these rights has proved a somewhat lengthy proceeding, and is now on the way to settlement by arbitration in those cases where the compensation offered by the municipal council has been considered inadequate.

The great impetus to progress with the work has been prevalent economic conditions, and while there have been differences of opinion as to the best method of carrying through the enterprise, only as yet partially complete, the council took the view that remunerative work for its residents was the best way to face a problem of feeding people whom the high taxes forced to reside outside the city limits, but whose requirements were urban and not rural. These men have been found fairly constant work over a depressing period.

The contract for the pipe was awarded in Scotland, to a firm of well-known manufacturers, and from that time onwards the old pier at the outer wharf has been scarcely ever empty from the consignments of pipe coming round Cape Horn and through the Panama canal. Some of the ships of the Harrison line, which has transported all the pipe, were blocked in the canal slide, but just by chance the submarine blockade which proved so costly to this line of freighters, spared ships with the Saanich pipe onboard. Owing to delays some of the castings had to be made locally. In connection with the installation, a full service of hydrants and meters have been placed in position, the former for fire protection purposes.

A start on the undertaking was made in the Cloverdale district, and the pipe was laid in a westerly direction towards the Gorge. The work so far undertaken has, to the closing of the annual balance sheet, cost $227,811, the expense of the flotation of the debentures for $375,000 accounting for $57,750 of discount. The actual construction cost to date has been $133,500.

A number of public men and officials have been associated with the undertaking, the design of the work resting entirely with the municipal engineer, Mr. Johnson, who has labored at all hours and in spite of a great many discouragements and obstacles, to advance the scheme. He has been supported by his staff most energetically.

The municipal council of 1914 worked hard to bring order out of chaos on this subject, as did the council of last year under which the undertaking now in operation was inaugurated. The greatest assistance was given to the reeve by ex-Councillor Adams, who spoke at innumerable meetings on the subject.

The financial burden of the scheme will be met by a frontage tax, admitted high to commence with, of eight cents per front foot, and by a charge for water approximating closely to that in the city, which will be measured to consumers by meter. The only way to bring the scheme about was on a water area plan, which exempted the rural wards from a privilege in which they cannot participate.

The inauguration gives three municipal institutions and one company institution operating in this city and district.

SHIPMENTS OF SOCKS

Executive Committee of Local Red Cross Branch Tells How They Are Sent.

The executive committee of the Victoria City and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross society wish the public to understand how the socks received by them are disposed of, as there is apparently some misunderstanding with regard to the same.

The socks, they wish to state, are carefully sorted into sizes and tied in bundles of half-dozens. All hand-knitted socks are packed in regulation cases and sent forward marked "Socks—field Comforts." These cases are then handed over to the Canadian War Contingent association in London, who at once send them to the front for the use of the Canadian troops in the firing-line.

Machine-made socks and bed-socks made of white wool are packed and sent forward as "Hospital Supplies." These are distributed to the Canadian hospitals and convalescent homes throughout England and France, as required. The committee wishes to state that the demand for socks is endless, and either hand-knitted or machine-made and bed-socks will be gratefully received.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Sergt. Robert Atkinson, physical instructor of the 103rd battalion, whose death occurred yesterday following an attack of pneumonia, will be held at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning from the B. C. Funeral parlors. Full military honors will be accorded the dead soldier, who was a popular non-commissioned officer. The whole of his company from the battalion will attend the obsequies, while officers and non-commissioned officers from the entire unit will be present. A detachment from the 50th Gordon Highlanders, stationed at the new drill hall, will be present also.

Erima Elizabeth Goward, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Goward, of 1605 York place, died yesterday afternoon.

SYNOD BUSY

Lengthy Matters Under Discussion With Report of Committee on Canons Delays Adjournment.

The sixteenth synod of the diocese of British Columbia is still in session despite the fact that most of the delegates came prepared to sit only during Wednesday and Thursday. The chief matter of business last evening was the adoption of the financial statement of the diocese for the year ending December 31, 1915. The total receipts from all sources during the year totalled $91,928.12, one of the biggest amounts being the mission fund of $21,834.73, and a second notable source of income being the bishopric endowment fund of $13,393.74. The synod fund, of business fund of the diocese, was of particular interest, being even better than last year, when the balance due the treasurer (December 31, 1914) was over $1,337. The balance due this year is only $150.94.

The mission fund was much more satisfactory than was expected, although the total subscribed and collected, viz., $6,422.36, was not as much as was asked for, viz., $10,000. The explanation is probably that a number of the investments were still a little behind owing to the inability of the mortgagees to pay.

The discussion of the canons, which are being dealt with clause by clause, is taking up a considerable amount of time, and by noon to-day the committee had only got beyond No. 12.—With certain amendment all the canons up to that point had been adopted. The canon dealing with the matter of parochial organization was given lengthy debate. During the morning session of the synod yesterday the pension scheme for clergymen of the diocese was approved. This pension scheme is being promoted by Bishop Lawrence, of Massachusetts, and a statement has been issued by Bishop Greer, of New York, with respect to the matter. The explanation is that upon payment by the parish each year of an additional 7 per cent. of the minister's salary he will receive a pension equal to one-half of his average salary during active service on his retirement at the age of 68. Annual pensions would be allowed the widow and children at his death. The pension is, in other words, a scheme of deferred salaries.

VALENTINE PARTY.

Held by Members of the Victoria Club; Interesting Entertainment.

The Valentine party held for members of the Victoria club, Campbell building, on Monday last was one of the most successful social events ever planned by the committee. In order that all the members might be able to attend the party the proceedings were continued through both the afternoon and evening, and the pretty reception rooms, with their appropriate decorations of hearts and cupids, were crowded until a late hour. During the afternoon and early part of the evening a delightful programme of vocal and instrumental music, arranged by Mrs. Osler and Mrs. Baer, was provided for the delectation of the visitors, those taking part being Mrs. McCallum, Miss Mamie Fraser and Miss Shrapnel. Little Miss Marjorie Spencer danced very prettily twice in the evening. The tea tables were among the very attractive features of the decorations, five of these arranged after original designs by Miss Wright, Miss Bagg, Miss Lloyd, Mrs. Keith and Miss O'Rourke winning great admiration. After supper the entertainment took the form of an informal dance, a number of the soldier friends of the members having been invited for the occasion. The music was furnished by Mr. Spencer, Mrs. Baer and Miss Tim. Fortune-telling and various little side shows, game contest, etc., formed other features of the very diverting entertainment provided, the executive committee, Mrs. Golby, Miss Oldfield, Mrs. Collison and Mrs. Grant being present throughout to welcome the guests as they arrived.

Little Willie—"Papa, do they have doctors to treat pigs?" "Papa—"Yes, my son; only they are not called doctors, but veterinary surgeons. Why do you ask?" Little Willie—"I was just wondering who cured bacon."

SNOW HELPS PLANTS

Crystals Form Round Particles of Dust, Etc., Which Are Food for Soil; Weather Still Mild.

That gardeners and farmers will probably find the soil much more responsive to their cultivation owing to the recent heavy snowfall is not unlikely. Mr. Denison, at the meteorological office, Gonzales Heights, calls attention to the fact that every snowflake is but a crystallization of moisture round some particle of dust or other impurity in the air. This being the case great quantities of matter of use to the soil and growing plant-life are brought to earth and supply food to vegetation. In addition to this the heavy snow has protected the young plants from the cold and winds, and it is remarkable to notice in many of the gardens how far advanced the growth is now that the white blanket has practically melted away.

The present mild conditions show every sign of continuing, and in a general way the whole Pacific coast is enjoying spring-like weather. The mild weather reaches from the Atlin district right down to California, and in the Sacramento Valley yesterday the mercury mounted to 78. A few degrees of frost were experienced in the interior last night. Alberta is enjoying much the same temperature, but in Manitoba the thermometer has again dropped down to zero.

A good story is recalled of ex-President Roosevelt's school days. He was once requested to recite a poem beginning:

At midnight in his guarded tent,
The Turk lay dreaming of the hour
When Greece, her knee in suppliance bent
Should tremble at his power.

He only got as far as the third line, when he began to hesitate. Twice he repeated "Greece, her knee," and then stopped dead. The old professor beamed on him over his glasses, and then dryly remarked: "Greece her knee once more, Theodore. Perhaps she'll go easier then."

"Auntie, did you ever get a proposal?" "Once, dear. A gentleman asked me to marry him over the telephone, but he had the wrong number."

"So you honestly think you have the smartest boy on earth?" "Maybe he isn't yet; but he will be if he keeps on making me answer all the questions he can think of."

Professor (in history)—"How was Alexander III. of Russia killed?" Freshman—"By a bomb." Professor—"How do you account for that?" Freshman—"It exploded."

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DECLINING RATE OF BIRTHS IN GERMANY

Matter Considered at Session of Budget Committee of Prussian Diet

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The declining birth rate in Germany, which was attracting attention before the war, is securing more consideration at the present time in view of the losses sustained in the field. This subject was brought up to-day at the session of the budget committee of the Prussian diet. A representative of the ministry predicted that unless a radical change were made Germany soon would be in the position of France, with deaths exceeding births.

The speaker also referred to the high rate of infant mortality. He also said one of the gravest hindrances to the growth of the population was the increase in the number of premature births caused deliberately, an evil which was not confined to the poorer classes.

The minister of education said he recognized the seriousness of the situation. He informed the committee that the government already had taken the matter under consideration, and was conferring with specialists in an effort to devise ways of remedying the evil.

THE ROBLIN GOVT. GOT $54,000 FROM SIMPSON

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—That Lieut.-Col. R. M. Simpson, M.D., who is now under arrest in England charged with conspiracy in connection with the parliament building frauds here, had financed the Roblin government to the tune of $54,000, when it exceeded an appropriation for road work in 1914, was the statement made before the public accounts committee to-day by H. A. Bowman, deputy minister of public works.

Mr. Bowman was examined by the Hon. T. H. Johnson, who remarked that it was queer that certain payments for road work in the constituency of Roblin had been made in November, 1914, while the treasury voucher had not gone through until January, 1915. How had Kopecki, the government's paymaster, got the money to make the payments in November?

"I got cash from Dr. R. M. Simpson," replied the witness.

The statement created a sensation.

MR. WILSON'S ATTITUDE AFFECTS GERMAN MARK

Paris, Feb. 18.—Commenting upon President Wilson's refusal to acquiesce in Germany's new submarine policy, the Paris Midi says to-day:

"Those who attribute the depreciation of the German mark to the Russian victory at Erzerum should not forget that German-American relations are to be reckoned with. The Russian victory is important, but President Wilson's about-face eclipses it."

RUSSIANS COMPLETING WORK WEST OF ERZERUM

London, Feb. 18.—A big battle is raging west of Erzerum between Russian and Turkish forces, according to a dispatch received here.

NIGHT PASSED QUIETLY ALONG WESTERN FRONT

Paris, Feb. 18.—The following official statement was issued this afternoon:

"The night was calm along the entire front."

CONFESSES MURDER.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—Isabella Domican, a Martinique negress, has admitted having murdered Mrs. Kate Matthews in her home at 726 Shutter street. She was taken before Judge St. Cyr this afternoon, and while she was not arraigned formally, she confessed the murder.

THOUGHT SOUP-POISONER IS CARRYING A BOMB

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Officials of a correspondence school have identified the signature of Jean Crones on an application for their chemistry course as the same as that attached to the letter published in a New York paper, in which Crones confessed poisoning soup served at the banquet to Archbishop Mundelein here last week. It was announced to-day by Captain Hunt, chief of detectives. The captain believes Crones also wrote the second letter published to-day.

Crones was serious in his threats against the police, contained in the second letter, according to Hunt.

"I believe he is carrying an infernal machine and that he would sacrifice his own life to wipe out any police who may try to capture him," Captain Hunt said.

The detective chief is expecting a photographic copy of the first letter from Police Commissioner Woods, of New York, and to-day received official notice of the receipt of the second.

BI-LINGUAL CLAUSE OF MANITOBA SCHOOLS ACT

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—The government was to introduce this afternoon in the legislature a short bill to repeal the bi-lingual clause of the school agreement of 1897. The second reading will take place next week, when no doubt there will be a prolonged debate. Bilingual privileges enjoyed in the province of Manitoba, but not elsewhere in the west, by French-Canadians, Mennonites and others, are all founded on this clause, which settled the controversy over the school question which raged in this province for a number of years, and incidentally brought about the defeat of the Tupper government at Ottawa. The bill merely repeals clause 258 of the Manitoba Public Schools Act, which is the clause 10 referred to above.

DAMAGING FLOODS IN NORTHERN HOLLAND

Amsterdam, Feg. 18.—The floods are continuing to work havoc at various places in Northern Holland. Last night the emergency dam at Purmerend, ten miles north of Amsterdam, burst, and the water rushed into the town. The burgomaster ordered everyone to take his property to a place of safety and seek refuge in the attic of his home.

The water on the flooded lands near Edam is high. The houses outside Edam have been evacuated.

Great anxiety is felt at Volendam. An increased number of houses are in danger of collapse, and the inhabitants have been forced to depart.

PLOT TO DYNAMITE PLANT AT DETROIT

Detroit, Feb. 18.—Investigation of the alleged plot to dynamite the plant of the American Car & Foundry Co. here will be turned over to agents of the department of justice it was learned to-day. It is understood that the police and prosecuting attorney have obtained several important pieces of evidence in connection with the arrest of two youths who formerly were employed by the foundry company.

PRECAUTIONS TAKEN.

New York, Feb. 18.—The fact that Jean Crones, the anarchist chef accused of poisoning soup served at a dinner given by Roman Catholic clergymen to Archbishop Mundelein in Chicago, is supposed to be in this city, caused the police to-day to take extraordinary precautions to safeguard the guests at a ball to be given in Madison Square Garden to-night by the Knights of Columbus. Governor Whitman, high city officials and many dignitaries of the Roman Catholic church are expected to be present.

GERMAN CLAIM.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The British made a fresh attempt to retake the position south of Ypres recently captured by the Germans, but were beaten off with heavy losses, it was announced officially to-day.

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INQUIRY RESUMED BY SIR CHAS. DAVIDSON

Purchases of Horses and Colt Revolvers for the Government

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Sir Charles Davidson resumed his inquiry into war contracts to-day.

The first matter taken up was the production of certain papers dealing with the horses purchased from the H. C. Cox farm, at Oakville, Ont. In the recent debate in the house, F. B. Carvell charged that 50 horses presented as gifts by Mr. Cox to the government had been rejected, but afterwards offered by different individuals to buyers of the government and then accepted.

Hugh Wilson, manager of the Oakville farm, explained that he had got instructions to buy 100 horses. He had done so, and 50 of them had been sent to the Mississauga Horse, a cavalry regiment, for training purposes. After the school had been closed, he had sold 19 of the 50 to a Montreal man and 12 to Edward Jones, of Brampton, Ont., a dealer who had supplied a large number of horses to the government buyers. He had received no commission from Jones and had not sold any directly to the government.

The inquiry reverted to the question of Colt automatic pistols and revolvers, and T. M. Birkett, examined again, said he had paid $14, less discounts of 10, 5 and 2 per cent, for the revolvers, and $18.50, less 12½, 5 and 2 per cent discount, for the automatic pistols. The government had paid $18.50 without any discount.

Archie Macfarlane, of Montreal, general agent in Canada of the Colt company, stated he "would sell to every person in Canada except the department of militia." When his company had sold to the trade, it had placed restrictions as to the price at which the arms would be retailed. In March, 1915, the minimum price on automatic pistols had been $25.90, including war duty. The price of revolvers had been $18.20. The Colt company had always notified him of sales in and inquiries from Canada, but he knew of no inquiry as to the prices for an order between 250 and 1,000 revolvers in June, 1914, presumably for the government.

Council for the commission is trying to locate J. Wesley Allison, to whom were consigned the Colt arms bought for the government and who is reported to have gone south.

DECLINED TO ANSWER COMMISSION AT REGINA

Regina, Feb. 18.—Frank Brunner, treasurer of the licensed victuallers of Saskatchewan in 1913, when the banish-the-bar bill was before the legislature, was called before the select committee investigating the Bradshaw charges in connection with that bill this morning. On advice of counsel, H. V. Bigelow, K. C., the witness refused to answer any questions.

The committee adjourned without taking definite action on his refusal, which counsel for the commission declared to be direct contempt of its authority.

The only other witness was Grant Waddell, a member of the executive of the licensed victuallers at that time. He stated that about $10,000 of the funds of the association in December, 1913, had been turned over to a committee consisting of Frank Brunner, Clayton Peterson and C. H. Wilson, all of Regina, for a purpose which he understood to be bribery of members of the legislature. The names of the members to be approached had been mentioned at a meeting, he said, but he could not remember them. No accounting had ever been made of the money afterwards, he said.

GERMANY'S EXPLANATION OF SINKING OF ARTEMIS

The Hague, Feb. 18.—Germany has informed the Dutch government that the investigation of the Artemis incident has established the fact that the Artemis was blameless, and that the torpedoing of this vessel was a blunder on the part of the commander of the German torpedo boat. The government has disapproved his action and taken necessary measures.

Germany expresses regret for the incident, tenders apologies and offers to pay an indemnity.

The Dutch motor vessel Artemis was torpedoed early in February in the North Sea.

LESS MOTORING FOR PLEASURE IN BRITAIN

London, Feb. 18.—An appeal to automobile owners to cease using their cars mostly for pleasure, and thereby save millions of dollars and release great numbers of workmen for military employment, was issued by the government to-day.

FIRE IN BATHURST, N. B.

Bathurst, N. B., Feb. 18.—The general store of W. J. Kent & Co. here, covering a frontage of two blocks, was gutted by fire early to-day. The loss is estimated at between $175,000 and $200,000, with insurance of about $90,000. An open window is taken to indicate either incendiarism or fire accidentally caused by a burglar.

LOUISIANA REFUGEES.

Natchez, Miss., Feb. 18.—Three government steamships arrived off Newellton, La., to take away as many as they could carry of the 2,500 persons, mostly negroes, marooned there forty-eight hours or more by floods. Many refugees were brought here.

WILL BE INTERNED ON SPANISH ISLAND

Germans Who Fled From Cameroon Will Be Removed From Spanish Guinea

Cadiz, Spain, Feb. 18.—A concentration camp for the Germans who escaped from Cameroon into Spanish Guinea has been prepared in San Fernando, on the isle of Leon. The steamship Villa Verde, escorted by a warship, is expected at an early date with the first important contingent.

On February 11 an official report issued at Madrid stated that the total number of German soldiers interned in Spanish Guinea was 2,400; that there also had been interned 1,400 members of families of the German soldiers, and that they had been allowed to be transferred to Spain. A previous statement had announced that along with the German soldiers, 14,000 German colonial troops had retreated from Cameroon into Spanish Guinea to escape from the advancing Franco-British troops.

COLLISION IN SEATTLE; ONE MAN IS DYING

Seattle, Feb. 18.—One man is dying and another was injured seriously as the result of a head-on collision between a Mount Baker street car and an automobile at 31st avenue, south, and Dearborn street at 8.30 o'clock this morning. Thomas Blair, 45 years old, driver of the automobile, is dying. Thomas Edwards, 65 years old, a passenger in the automobile, was seriously injured. The street car and the automobile were badly damaged.

HOUSTON MAY SUCCEED SECRETARY GARRISON

Washington, Feb. 18.—The impression grew in official circles to-day that Secretary Houston would be transferred to the war department to succeed former Secretary Garrison. On the way to the cabinet meeting to-day Mr. Houston smilingly refused to answer questions on the subject, but volunteered the information that he had completed presenting the needs of his department to the house committee on agriculture. The impression was given that his affairs were in such condition that he could make the change.

YOACHIM ALTANS FOUND GUILTY IN LONDON

London, Feb. 18.—Noi Yoachim Altans, otherwise known as Altschuler, arrested in January on a charge of conspiracy, was found guilty to-day.

Altans, who is a Russian subject, was charged with having co-operated with James Dallas, chief clerk of the department of the home office dealing with aliens, in connection with passport frauds. Dallas already has pleaded guilty to the charge of having accepted money to commit acts in violation of his public duty. It was alleged that many aliens were enabled to leave the United Kingdom by the use of permits obtained with the assistance of Altans and Dallas.

Altans was sentenced to one year at penal servitude and Dallas to three years.

PATENAUDE RETAINS SEAT IN THE HOUSE

Montreal, Feb. 18.—Hon. E. L. Patenaude, minister of inland revenue, retains his seat in the house of commons as member for Hochelaga. Acting Chief Justice Archibald and Mr. Justice Charbonneau yesterday dismissed the petition of Tancrede Marcil, of this city, to have the election quashed. Mr. Marcil had intended to oppose Mr. Patenaude for the seat, but his nomination papers were disallowed by the returning officer because Mr. Marcil's house address was not given therein, and it was on the ground that this refusal of the returning officer was illegal that Mr. Marcil sought to upset Mr. Patenaude's election.

SWEDES WILL NOT GO ON ARMED STEAMSHIPS

Washington, Feb. 18.—Sweden has formally advised the state department that in consequence of the announced intention of Germany and Austria to sink armed merchantmen without warning after Feb. 29, it will notify its nationals not to travel on such trips.

It was explained at the legation here that there would be no general warning but that all Swedish consuls and legations throughout the world had been instructed to warn Swedish subjects whenever it was known that they contemplated taking passage on armed ships of the allies.

ARMS IN BUILDING LEASED BY GERMAN

New York, Feb. 18.—Major-General John F. O'Ryan, commanding the National Guard of New York state, has asked the police for information regarding 2,200 revolvers, 19 automatic guns, 7,000 rifles and 2,500,000 rifle cartridges stored in a West Houston street building, which has been leased by Hans Touscher, said to be an agent for the Krupp gun works of Germany.

MONTREAL WILL BORROW.

Quebec, Feb. 18.—The private bills committee of the legislature has authorized the city of Montreal to borrow $2,000,000 payable in 20 years, to face the present situation of the metropolis.

CHANGES IN WHITE'S TAXATION PROPOSALS

Finance Minister Considering Matter of Reserves of Incorporated Firms

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—It is thought that certain changes will be made in the form of Sir Thomas White's taxation proposals when they are crystallized into a bill next week.

It was stated at the outset that while accumulated profits, including reserves, would be deemed as capital of unincorporated firms and individuals, such reserves would not be included in the capital of incorporated companies. It has been drawn to the attention of the minister since the delivery of his budget address that many firms that started 25, 30 or 50 years ago on small capital have since built up their business to one hundred times the original capital through putting in their reserves but without changing their capitalization. There are many cases in which firms might be seriously affected if the profits on which taxation is to be taken were based upon the original capital without taking any account of the reserves.

The minister of finance is now considering how these cases can be provided for in the bill and how the line is to be drawn between those incorporated companies whose reserves are to be included as capital and those whose reserves shall not be so considered. It is stated, however, that ordinary reserves will not be taken into account.

A prominent official said this morning:

"A firm whose capital is $100,000 and whose reserve is only, say, $220,000, will not receive the consideration mentioned. The reserve must be of such a size that the business of the firm would be very seriously disturbed if it were not included in capital or if a part at least of it were not included."

CARTOON SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED

London, Feb. 18.—The proprietors of the Weekly Journal and the Bystander were fined £100, the editor of the latter, Vivian Carter, £50, and Lieut. Bernard, cartoonist, £50, to-day for publishing a cartoon depicting a British soldier lying intoxicated beneath a tree clasping a bottle of rum. Beneath the cartoon were the words, "Reported Missing." The charge was brought under the Defence of the Realm act, on the ground that publication of the cartoon was prejudicial to discipline and recruiting. An appeal has been entered.

STORM IN NORTH SEA.

Copenhagen, Feb. 18.—A very heavy storm was raging over the North Sea to-day. Shipping suffered heavy damage. An unidentified steamship sank off the coast of Norway. The crew is missing.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—Wheat closed here ¼ and ⅛c up from yesterday, with May at 128¾ and July at 127¼. Oats was ¼ and ⅛c better at 49¾ and 45¼. Flax was ½ and ⅛c better at $2.15 and $2.16. Wheat and flax prices both closed at the high points, rallying after a little slip just before the close. The feature of the day was the strength in July wheat, which was bought in small quantities all day. The market was misled by the heavy receipts and was stubborn for some time, but the buying of July and a little export demand raised May prices towards the close. The most of the wheat coming in at present is probably sold and will not affect the market much.

The cash demand was excellent, but one man said it was impossible to buy any quantity without sending prices away out of reason.

	Open.	Close.
Wheat—		
May	128-127¾	128¾
July	126¾	127¼
Oats—		
May	46¼	46¾
July	45	45¼
Barley—		
May	..	77
Flax—		
May	214½	215
July	..	216

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 128¾; 2 Nor., 124; 3 Nor., 121¼; No. 4, 117¼; No. 5, 109¾; No. 6, 103¾; feed, 98¾.

Oats—No. 2 C. W., 44¼; no. 3, 42¼; extra 1 feed, 42¼; No. 1 feed, 40¼; No. 2 feed, 39¼.

Barley—No. 3, 68¼; No. 4, 63; rejected, 57¼; feed, 57¼.

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NEW YORK CURB PRICES.

(By E. W. Stevenson & Co.)

	Bid.	Asked
Ann. Marconi	3¾	4
Buffalo	¾	1
Can. Car Fdy.	68	70
Do., pref.	83	88
Can. Copper	1¾	2
Canadian Marconi	1	1¼
Crown Reserve	40	45
Daty West	2¾	3
Dome Mines	26	26¼
Em. Phon.	12	13
Hedley Gold	25½	26½
Howe Sound	62	63
Gold Con.	92	95
Hollinger	28	30
Kerr Lake	4½	4¾
La Rose	60	65
Mines of Ama.	3	3½
Nipissing	6½	6¾
Standard Lead	1 11-16	1 13-16
Stewart	40	45
Steel of Can.	35	36
Success	85	88
Tonapah	6½	6¾
Yukon	2½	2¾
Green Con.	4¾	4¾

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NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, Feb. 18.—Raw sugar firm; centrifugal, 3.98; molasses, 3.21.

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METAL MARKET.

New York, Feb. 18.—The metal exchange quotes lead firm, $6.25 bid; spelter not quoted. Copper firm; electrolytic, nearby, $28.50, nominal; June and later, $29@$29.50. Iron steady and unchanged. Tin firm; spot, $41.87@42.25.

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Financial News

STANDARD SHARES IN WALL STREET STRONG

Bears Still Engaged in Selling Pastime but Have Less Power

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Feb. 18.—The motor shares and some of the war order issues were under pressure and sharply lower, but standard shares held well. As far as news of marketwise bearing was concerned, discussions relative to the status of relations between Washington and Berlin were the feature. Reports were so conflicting as to make it difficult to arrive at a definite conclusion into what is likely to be the outcome. In certain quarters there were signs of a cessation of liquidation. The element bearishly inclined, however, supplied stocks in fair volume which course had a tendency to increase the extent of the short account. Speculative sellers still will endeavor to force price concessions pending something constructive of a sort likely to promote a healthy reaction on the part of shorts.

	High.	Low.	Bid.
Alaska Gold	22¾	22¼	22¾
Allis-Chalmers	30¼	30	30¼
Do., pref.	82	81¼	81
Amn. Coal Products	167	166¼	167½
Amn. Can.	62¼	61½	61¾
Amn. Car. & Foundry	68¾	68¼	68¾
Amn. Steel Foundry	55	54½	54¾
Amn. Woollen	47¾	47	47¼
Amn. Locomotive	65¼	64½	65¼
Amn. Smelting	100¾	100	100¾
Amn. Sugar	112½	112¼	112¼
Amn. Tel. & Tel.	128¾	128¼	127¾
Anaconda	99	89¼	89¾
Atchison	103¼	102¾	103¼
B. & O.	89	88¾	89¼
B. R. T.	86¼	86	86¼
C. P. R.	169¼	167¼	168¼
Cal. Petroleum	30¾	30¼	30¼
Central Leather	55¼	54	54¼
C. & O.	62¾	62	62
C. & G. W., pref.	35¼	35	35¼
C. M. & St. P.	96¼	94½	95
Colo. Fuel & Iron	45¼	44½	45
Crucible	81½	80¼	80¼
Con. Gas	134¼	133¼	134
Distillers Sec.	47¼	46¾	47
Erie	37½	37	37¼
Do., 1st pref.	53	52¾	52¾
Do., 2nd pref.	46¾	46¼	46
Gen. Motors	480	475	476
Goodrich	72¾	71¼	72¾
G. N., pref.	121	120¾	121
G. N. Ore ctfs.	45¼	44¾	45¼
Guggenheim	21½	21¼	21¾
Inspiration	47	46	46¾
Ind. Alcohol	153¾	152	152¼
Baldwin	109¼	107¼	108¾
Lackawanna	77½	77	77
Kas. City Southern	26¼	26	26¼
Lehigh Valley	77½	77¼	77¼
Mackay Co.'s	80¼	80¼	83¾
Maxwell Motor	66¼	64½	66¼
Mex. Petroleum	106¾	104¾	105¾
M. K. & T.	54	54	54
N. Y. Air Brake	145	144	145
Nat. Lead	69	68¼	68¾
New Haven	69	67¾	68¼
N. Y. C.	106¼	104½	105¾
N. P.	113¾	112¾	113
Pacific Mail	17¼	17	16¾
Pennsylvania	57¼	56¾	57
People's Gas	103¼	102¼	103¼
Pittsburg Coal	31¾	30	30¾
Do., pref.	106¼	106¼	106
Pressed Steel Car	56¾	56¼	56¼
Railway Steel Spg.	41	40¾	40¾
Reading	78¾	77¾	78¼
Rep. Iron & Steel	53	52¼	52¾
Do., pref.	111	110	110¼
S. P.	99¾	99¼	99¾
Sou. Railway	29¾	29¾	29¾
Do., pref.	59	58¼	58¾
Tenn. Copper	58	57¼	57¾
U. P.	134¼	133¼	134¼
Do., pref.	83	82¾	82¾
U. S. Rubber	52	51¾	52
U. S. Steel	83¾	82¾	83¾
Do., pref.	117	116¼	116¼
Utah Copper	85¼	84½	85¼
Western Union	88¾	88¼	88½
Westinghouse	66¼	65¾	66¼
Granby	93¼	92¾	93¼
Willy's Overland	210	205½	209

Total sales, 426,500 shares.

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ARGENTINE SHIPMENTS NOT HURTFUL TO WHEAT

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Chicago, Feb. 18.—The unexpected happened in an advance at Liverpool of one cent in the face of a decline in the market here yesterday. The fact that larger Argentine shipments have been given no attention there would seem to indicate the urgent necessity of supplies. At a half-cent decline in early trading, basic factors in the Chicago pit were generally acknowledged as bullish and the urge of the market became strong and higher, forcing levels to over 130 for May.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat—				
May	129¼@129	130¼	127¾	129¾
July	122¼@122	124¼	121	124
Corn—				
May	78¼	79¾	78¼	79¼
July	78¾	79¾	78¼	78¾
Oats—				
May	48	49¼	48¼	48¾
July	45¼	46	45¼	46
Pork—				
May	20.70	20.90	20.70	20.87
July	....	....	....	20.77
Lard—				
May	10.22	10.32	10.20	10.32
July	10.40	10.52	10.40	10.50
Short Ribs—				
May	11.50	11.60	11.45	11.55
July	11.70	11.70	11.55	11.65

INTERNATIONAL COAL PUTS OUT STATEMENT

Company Has Surplus of $75,000,000 in Treasury; Rail Contracts Renewed

Granby's point gain injected good feeling where otherwise irregularity might have proven the rule. Where bears have been making headway in standard issues the situation is now reversing and the market is possessed of more snap than heretofore has been the case. This is creating fresh investment confidence and accordingly a higher price range almost without exception. In the lower-quoted local issues fluctuations were on a limited scale, but even so, the same conditions prevail to a lesser degree.

The International Coal & Coke Co. has published its statement, the past year's operations showing a loss of $4,329.19. The company had to contend with adverse conditions, chiefly in the matter of suspended railway coal contracts, but this difficulty has now been overcome. The balance at the credit of profit and loss account is $75,340.67. For the present at least it will not be necessary to use the powers given for the issuance of bonds.

	Bid.	Asked.
Blackbird Syndicate	$18.00	$24.00
Can. Copper Co.	1.90	2.25
Crow's Nest Coal	70.00	..
Can. Cons. S. & R.	150.00	..
Coronation Gold	..	.14
Granby	93.00	94.00
Int. Coal & Coke Co.	.07	.10
Lucky Jim Zinc	.09	.09¾
McGillivray Coal	.14	.17
Portland Canal	..	.01¾
Rambler Cariboo	.19	.20
Standard Lead	1.78	1.85
Snowstorm	.20	.26
Stewart M. & D.	..	.75
Slocan Star	.19	.23
Stewart Land	..	7.00
Victoria Phoenix Brew.	..	115.00
Unlisted.		
American Marconi	3.75	4.00
Canadian Marconi	1.00	1.50
Glacier Creek	..	.04
Island Investment	..	20.00
Union Club (Deb.), new	..	.40
Do., old	..	90.00
University School Debs.	..	100.00
Howe Sound M. Co.	7.00	7.25
Pingree	..	.19
P. C. Tunnels	..	.05

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MONTREAL STOCKS

(By F. A. Borden & Co.)

Montreal, Feb. 8.—The Montreal market presented an evened-up appearance to-day and was not nearly so active as it had been during the past two days. There was some business in Montreal Power, which opened at 219 and later gained two dollars. The January earnings of this company have made a very favorable showing. The power shares have been inactive for some time now and the liquidation of the past few days in this group, as well as in the general market, should result in a better market with higher prices eventually.

It is estimated the Ford Motor Co. will contribute from $1,500,000 to $2,000,000 to the Dominion government under the new taxation scheme. This will be quite a substantial sum from a man who would not subscribe to a war loan when he had the opportunity.

Canadian railway earnings, while showing the customary contraction at this time of the year, are relatively favorable. Returns for the second week of February show the smallest percentage of increase over the corresponding period of last year since las September.

Dominion War Loan sold at 97½.

	High.	Low.	Close.
Ames Holden	..	..	21¾B
Bell Telephone	..	..	145 B
Brazilian Traction	..	..	54¾A
C. P. R.	..	..	168 B
Can. Cement, com.	..	..	47½B
Can. Locomotive	..	..	60 A
Can. S. S., com.	..	..	16½B
Do., pref.	..	..	73½B
Can. Cottons	..	..	38 B
Crown Reserve	..	..	42 B
Cedar Rapids	..	..	73½B
Cons. M. & S.	149¼	149¼	149¼
Detroit United	88¼	87	88
Dom. Bridge	26¼	26	26
Dom. Canners	..	..	31 A
Dom. I. & S. Copp.	43¾	43	43¾
Can. Gen. Elec.	109	109	109
Ills. Trac.	..	..	61 A
Lake of Woods Milling	..	..	128 B
Laurentide Co.	..	..	180 B
Laurentide Power	..	..	55 A
Montreal Power	221	219	221
N. S. Steel, com.	94	93	94
Ogilvie Milling	..	..	130 B
Ottawa Power	..	..	120 A
Penman's, Ltd.	60	60	60
Quebec Railway	..	..	14¼B
Shawinigan	131¼	131¼	131¼
Steel of Can., com.	35¾	35¾	35¾
Textile	..	..	76 B
Toronto Railway	..	..	111 A
Twin City	..	..	95 B
Winnipeg Elec.	..	..	189 A

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NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	12.28	12.34	12.27	12.36-37
March	11.40	11.53	11.39	11.52-53
May	11.65	11.78	11.64	11.77-78
July	11.85	11.98	11.84	11.97-98
Oct.	12.05	12.16	12.04	12.15-16
Dec.	12.20	12.30	12.20	12.29-30

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Enamel Pails, 90¢ and $1.13
Banister Brushes, polished handles, each, **27¢** to 90c
Double Banister Brushes, whisk on side, bristles on the other. Each ..... **90¢**
Scrub Brushes, each, **18¢** to 54c
Stove Brushes, each, **23¢** to 45c
Wall Brushes, long handles, **68¢** to $1.35
Window Brushes, long handles, **68¢** to $1.35
Whisk Carpet Brooms **$1.13**
Bath Mops ..... **23¢**
Turkey Feather Dusters, 68¢ to 90c
Painted Tin Dust Pans, open end ..... **15¢**
Painted Tin Dust Pans, half cover ..... **23¢**
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Galvanized Wire Clothes Lines, 50 ft., **23¢**
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Cotton Clothes Lines, 50 ft ..... **18¢**
Dominion Spring Clothes Pins, per doz., **5¢**
Ordinary Wooden Clothes Pins, 3 doz. **10¢**
Household Mangle, each **$10.80**
Acme Washers, each **$10.80**
Clothes Bars, each **$1.35**
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WILL AGAIN TRY TO BRING C.N.P.R. IN

Harbor Committee Chairman is Hopeful of Reducing Bridge Cost to City

An effort will be made to induce the Canadian Northern Pacific railway to make some contribution to the cost of Johnson street bridge, the chairman of the civic harbor committee, Alderman Todd, announced at the conclusion of a meeting held yesterday afternoon. It was also added that the chairman was himself taking up with the B. C. Electric railway a proposal to bring them again into the scheme, from which they withdrew in 1914 on account of a difference of opinion. The principal matter arising from the discussion was the finding of some scheme to reduce the net cost of the proposal to the city. To that end a further meeting will be held next Thursday.

With reference to the Selkirk water crossing of the Canadian Northern Pacific railway, the committee will recommend to the council that the federal authorities be notified there are two minor differences between the plan as deposited and that agreed upon at recent conferences between the city representatives, C. N. P. R. officials and the heads of the Cameron Lumber company, and that the city insists upon the details being carried out to the letter of the agreement.

The committee agreed to recommend the approval of the water privilege application of the Imperial Oil company at the entrance to Victoria harbor. It is proposed to change the harbor line to permit of a depth of 30 feet being allowed for tankers delivering oil to the companys tanks. This change in the line was recommended by the local engineer of the marine and fisheries department.

The Rock Bay bridge matter was not raised in committee yesterday.

OUR LETTER BOX

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legibly written. The longer an article the shorter its chance of insertion. All communications must bear the name of the writer. The publication or rejection of articles is a matter entirely in the discretion of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for MSS. submitted to the Editor.

QUATSINO PULP LEASES.

To the Editor.—Since you have mentioned my name in connection with the Quatsino pulp leases, perhaps you will grant me space to correct what I assume are unintentional errors in what you have said. The concession of these leases was granted more than ten or twelve years ago. I have not the exact date at hand, but it was when Mr. W. C. Wells was chief commissioner of lands and works. The leases were not issued until some time later, because opposition to them developed, and it was only after the Quatsino Power & Pulp company appealed to Sir Henri Joli, as lieutenant-governor, that the rights of the company under the agreement with Mr. Wells was recognized and the company was warranted in making its surveys and selections. The company, while I was associated with it, paid its rentals promptly, and it expended a very large sum in cruising, surveying and in efforts to finance the erection of a pulp and paper mill. I am not quite sure as to dates, but it was nearer ten than three or four years that myself and my associates held the concession and leases. We did not sell to Americans, but disposed of the stock in the company to a syndicate of well-known Victorians were the head. Since that time I know nothing except by hearsay of the history of this concession. May I add what is the literal truth, that the sum of $80,000, which you correctly state was the price paid to myself and my associates, did not, after recouping our actual cash outlay, give us more than a moderate compensation for the time, labor and trouble to which we were put in endeavoring to establish a pulp industry. I myself devoted nearly all my time for nearly three years to this work.

CHAS. H. LUGRIN.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 18.

HON. LORNE CAMPBELL.

To the Editor:—I would like the Hon. Lorne Campbell, the minister of mines, to declare himself before the electors of Rossland.

Is it true that he is connected or interested in any way in the Trail Smelter Co., or any other subsidiary C. P. R. Co.? If this is true, then he can only be regarded as an unfit person for the position he at present holds. No man can serve two masters, and it is very easy to conjecture that the Hon. Lorne Campbell will not allow the interests of the province to conflict with the interests of himself and of the monopolies of which he is the hireling. This province is sadly in need of mining development and industries. We need more modern, up-to-date copper smelters and the introduction of copper refineries. The establishing of these would no doubt be met by bitter opposition on the part of the Trail Smelter Co., etc., as their monopoly would be interfered with and they no doubt would be disinclined to fight fair competition. The Colonist attempts to mislead the public when it states that the Hon. Lorne Campbell is an admittedly good man for the post. The only ones who will make such assertions are a few government toadies. The opinion of the practical mining men of this province is not very flattering to the present member for Rossland. He may know a little about electricity, but when it comes to having a knowledge of the mining resources and the needed development of same in this province he is looked upon as a little better than a joke. The electors of the province have been too often bamboozled by newspaper talk and hot air statements, of which the present government have proved themselves adepts. Their term of power has been disastrous for the country and apparently nothing is left us but a millstone around our necks. In conclusion I trust the electors in Rossland will force the present minister of mines to declare himself.

MINING MAN.

Feb. 16.

ROCK BAY BRIDGE.

To the Editor—A number of ratepayers are desirous of having this bridge repaired and made fit for traffic. I am heartily in sympathy with their desires, provided the cost is not too great for the city to bear at the present time, quite unnecessary it seems. Part of the structure has been removed and left in a wrecked condition and an injunction granted against repairs without including a draw or swing. Another case of the city being stung. No one for the last twenty years has ever seen a vessel pass through which required an opening of the character, and to force such terms on the city at this time shows a lack of public spirit and leaves the impression that there is a nigger in the woodpile somewhere. Were a channel to be dredged through this log pond, what advantage would it be to those who own the waterfront? I contend the results would be detrimental, as the made ground, composed of slabs, etc, would gradually slide into the channel and fill it up; besides as the tide receded it would become something of a river and carrying silt into the waters of the upper harbor opposite the sawmills of the Michigan Lumber Company. Having for many years observed this pond on the hot summer days, when the tide left its ooze to polute the air, I have thought what an improvement it would be if the city would carry its sewerage in pipe through the little creek out beyond the bridge to deep water. Then have a medical commission appointed, the pond condemned as unsanitary and order it to be filled up. When this hypothenused bridge, designed and constructed at great cost to benefit the Tramway Company, as it was then called, with not a whisper of a draw being required, as the rails were laid continuous and secured to the heavy longitudal timbers supplied by the city. After the company moved their track a lighter bridge was built with two great timbers standing upright, near the centre which might be described as pillars, erected in remembrance of the folly of those who insisted on their erection as a draw and those who submitted to have this done. I have no doubt tourists were puzzled to know the meaning of these unsightly timbers, as the deck these were fastened the same as any other part of the bridge. From first to last this bridge has been a costly structure to the city and will continue so if the vexatious and unnecessary requirements are insisted upon. A much shorter bridge could be constructed on the original site at the end of Constance street and would be far cheaper in the end than continuing to repair this relic of extravagance.

W. WALKER.

Feb. 17, 1916.

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WANTS COMPLETE TRANSFER OF MAINS

City Water Commissioner Thinks Saanich Should Take Over All Services

The members of the city council will shortly be placed in possession of a list of mains in Saanich which it is the intention of the water commissioner to press upon the city to dispose of at the time when the final transfer of the distributing system is made, so that the city will not be obliged to maintain water services in any part of the municipality.

This situation is undoubtedly caused by the fact that part of the mains are worn out, and, whether the city retains them or transfers them to Saanich, someone has to find the money to repair and renew them. This is particularly the case with regard to the Quadra street main. The municipality proposed carrying a main along a portion of the street where there were a considerable number of customers, and then stopping at Jackson avenue. For that purpose pipe already is on the ground. If an agreement made by the city a number of years ago is to be respected, this would entail upon the city the maintenance of a service from Royal Oak to Lake Hill.

The water commissioner contends that the city has met the municipality fairly in the transfer of boundary mains, etc., upon which an agreement was reached recently, and that Saanich should be willing to take over the whole water system within the municipal area. The contention of the district municipality is that it does not want to be burdened with mains which are not watertight, which would entail expense to construct or repair, and which in their integral worth as revenue earning feeders have practically no value.

From what the city water commissioner says there is no question that this point will have to be cleared up before the transfer is authorized, and for that purpose he proposes to take the opinion of the aldermen before the subject proceeds further.

The other matters affecting the transfer are proceeding satisfactorily, and it is hoped that the transfer can be made at an early date.

Library Books

The following books have just been received at the public library:

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

Abbott, Jacob—History of Xerxes the Great. 1900. JBX6ab.
Banks, Charles Eugene—Child of the sun. 1900. j970.1B21ch.
Canadian Boys' Anuual. 1912. j059-C21.
Eggleston, Edward and Seelye, Elizabeth (Eggleston; Mrs. Elwyn Seelye)—Pocahontas. 1879. JB-P739eg.
Golschmann, Leon (Trans.) Baby Mishhok, or the adventures of a Siberian cub. j599-G62ba.
Goodwin, Maud Wilder—White aprons; a romance of Bacon's rebellion, Virginia, 1676. 1901. (Gift.))
Hauff, Wilhelm—Caravan tales and some others. j398H36ca.
Hoffmann, Frank—Little Dauphin. 1905. JB-L888ho.
Houghton, Louise Seymour—Telling Bible Stories. 1908. j220H83te.
Kingston, William Henry Giles—Old Jack. (Gift.)
McGovney, Dudley Odell—Stories of long ago in the Philippines. 1912. j919.14M14st.
Mother Goose Melodies. Complete Mother Goose. 1909. j398-M91co.
Wade (Mrs.), Mary Hazelton (Blanchard)—Light-bringers. 1914. j920-W12Li.
Wilmot-Buxton, Ethel M.—Story of Jeanne D'Arc. 1914. JBJ62wl.

FICTION.

"Goosequill"—As others see us; being the diary of a Canadian debutante. 1915.
Marryat, Capt. Frederick—Percival Keene.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION.

Cabot, Richard C.—What men live by: work, play, love, worship. 1914. 170-C12wh.
Scott, Robert, and Gilmore, George William—Church, the people and the age. 1914. 261-S42ch.

SOCIOLOGY.

Banning, S. T.—Administration, organization and equipment made easy. 1905. 355.07-B21ad.
New Zealand Government Official Year Book. 1914. Ref.319.3-N56of.

USEFUL ARTS.

Pearson, R. Hooper—Book of garden pests. 1908. 632P26bg.
Smith, Charles E.—Cumulative speller and shorthand vocabulary. 653-S64cu.

LITERATURE.

Bithell, Jethro—Contemporary Belgian literature. 1915. 809.93-B62c.
Cousin, John W.—Short biographical dictionary of English literature. 803-C86sh.

HISTORY.

Barrett, R. J.—Canada's century; progress and resources of the great Dominion. 107. 917.1-B27ca.
Steevens, George Warrington—In India. 1899. 915.4S81in.

BIOGRAPHY.

Tower, Martello—At school and at sea, or life and character at Harrow, in the Royal Navy and in the trenches before Sebastopol. B-T738at. (Gift.)

"Met the original tight-wad the other night." "What did de do?" "After I bought him dinner, theatre tickets, and a midnight supper, he wanted to toss me to see who paid the car fare home."

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Grape Fruit, California, at 3 for .....25¢
Oranges, per dozen, 20¢, 30¢, 35¢, 40¢ and .....50¢
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Childs' sizes 8-10½..$1.65

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OUTDOOR DRILL SOON FOR ALL BATTALIONS

Soldiers at Present Carrying on in Any Dry Spot That Can Be Found

Difficulties that have faced the commanders of the battalions stationed at Victoria in regard to outside drill in the past few weeks are slowly being overcome, and it will not be many days now in present weather conditions before company drill outside will once more be on the orders of the day. The inclement weather of the past month tied up the men to indoor routine, but the better weather and bright sunshine of the past two days is quickly altering conditions, and drying up the ground.

The first attempt at outside drill at the oval at the Willows since the snowfall began was made to-day by a squad of the 11th C. M. R., who after a search found a dry piece of ground. The oval is not yet fit for drill except in a few spots, the ground being too soft at present. The same applies to the conditions at Beacon Hill and at North Ward park, where the outside operations of the 103rd Battalion were conducted before the bad weather set in.

The company of the 88th now located in the Belmont house have tried out the flat at Beacon Hill more or less successfully, and more progress will be made as the ground improves. The 103rd have been doing squad drill on the streets on every occasion they could get outside, and marches through the city have been taken by all the battalions.

Aside from what drill can be taken in this way the men of all the battalions are still engaged in indoor instruction in musketry drill and in lectures.

PRIVATE TO MAJOR

MAJOR A. C. SUTTON

In command of No. 3 Company, Western Scots, left Victoria for the front last year as a private. To-day he holds the rank of field officer in the 67th battalion, having recently been promoted from lieutenant. Major Sutton formerly was a member of the Victoria police force. He joined the colors soon after war began, and was in the 16th battalion at the front. He was wounded there five times, and was invalided home. He was granted a commission in the Western Scots by the minister of militia, and since his return to Victoria has been assistant adjutant of the battalion and last week passed the field officers' examination held by Major Bunbury. His appointment to the rank of major then was made by Lieut.-Col. Ross.

Flinty—"It's a shame, Bill, to think that anyone would swindle a poor, 'ard-working man in that way." Stubble—"Why, what's wrong wi' yer now?" Flinty—"Wrong! Why, 'ere I worked 'ard fer 'alf a day paintin' up a sparrer inter a beautiful canary, an' I'm blowed if the feller I sold it to didn't gi' me a bad 'alf-crown for it!"

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RECEIVES COMMISSION

LIEUT. R. MEREDITH

Who has accepted a commission in the 143rd battalion, B. C. Bantams, already has seen active service in the present war. He enlisted with the 30th battalion, and was transferred to the 16th Canadian Scottish. He was wounded at Festubert, and was invalided home. While at the front he held the rank of corporal.

POPULAR SINGER LEAVING

Sgt. Robert Morrison, of 67th Battalion, Singing on Sunday Night at Fifth Regiment Band Concert.

One of the most popular of Victoria's singers, who will be missed from the programmes of entertainments during the coming months, is Sgt. Robert Morrison, who is leaving shortly with the 67th battalion, Western Scots. It is a source of considerable satisfaction to his numerous musical friends in the city to learn, however, that they will have another opportunity to hear him before his departure, as he is to sing at the Fifth Regiment band concert at the Royal Victoria theatre on Sunday evening. There is little doubt that in view of his final appearance, for some time at least, at one of these entertainments the theatre will be more than usually well-filled. Sgt. Morrison will be heard in two solos.

In addition there will be a solo by Mrs. R. Baird, with violin obligato by Mrs. J. R. Green. Mrs. A. J. Gibson to accompany at the piano. Bandmaster W. J. Smith will play the cornet solo requested of him last week, and the band numbers will include the famous overture, "Maritana;" the selection, "Il Trovatore;" and an interlude, "Isle of Palms."

TELEGRAPH TESTS

Western Scots Signal Corps Examined by Managers of Local Telegraph Offices.

An examination of some of the members of the signalling corps of the 67th Battalion, Western Scots, in telegraphy was conducted at the Western Scots' quarters at the Willows yesterday afternoon at the request of the officer commanding, Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross, by J. G. Davies, manager of the C. P. R. telegraph office here, and E. J. Haughton, manager of the Dominion wireless station at Telegraph hill. Several members of the corps were tested in practical work and were reported as proficient.

The men were examined with the regular field head-piece instruments, such as are used on the battlefield for communicating messages of the progress of the fight at the front to headquarters in the rear, and for sending out orders by the headquarters staff. Tests were also taken in the fitting together of the instruments and practical work required to be known by the members of the telegraphic corps from the moment of arriving on the battlefield.

The examination embraced the preparation of their instruments, the connection of the wires at each end and the sending of the messages.

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If all the old people in Victoria realized what Vinol will do for them, we would not be able to get enough of it to supply the demand. We quote from a recent letter received from Mrs. A. E. Carson of Kingston, N. Y.

She says: "I am 69 years of age, and had been ailing for a long time with indigestion. I got run-down, was weak, dizzy and could not sleep at night. I consulted two doctors who said I had hardening of the arteries and at my age could not expect to be strong again. My daughter would give me no peace until I tried Vinol, as it had done so much for her. I have taken five bottles and my health and strength have come back, so I am able to do all the housework for my family of four, and I am recommending Vinol to all my friends."

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"The nurse is a suffragette." "Well, ask her to say nothing on the subject of votes for women in the hearing of baby. Baby wants too many things already that are out of her reach."

"I have a wife and six children in Liverpool, and have never seen one of them," said a gentleman. "Why, sir, how can that be?" said a travelling companion. "One of them was born the day after I left the city."

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HONORED BY COMRADES

Sgt.-Major Hatcher and Bdr. Florence Receive Gifts From Members of Police Force.

Their late comrades of the police force honored Sergeant-Major Frank Hatcher and Bombardier James Florence, of the Tenth Field Brigade Ammunition column, on the eve of their departure for the front by making them the recipients of gifts in token of esteem and good wishes.

The presentations were made last evening at police headquarters in the presence of a number of the men of the force. Deputy Chief Palmer, on behalf of the officers and men of the force, expressed their pride that two more of their number were going out to fight for the empire. He wished them good fortune and a safe return to their duties here after the war is over.

To Sgt.-Major Hatcher a silver flask was presented and to Bdr. Florence a wrist watch, each bearing a suitable inscription. Both the recipients replied, thanking their former comrades for the kindness they had always experienced.

STOP PAY ORDER

Applies Only to Soldiers After They Have Left Canada, and While on Service.

Information was received yesterday afternoon at Work Point barracks from the militia department at Ottawa in regard to the military order recently issued under which half the pay of the Canadian soldiers is to be withheld until the termination of their engagements. The interpretation of the order asked for is that the order will only apply to the men after they have left Canada.

The object of the order is that the soldier returning from the front will have a small fund earned by his own efforts to assist him. It is said that many of the soldiers now on the firing line have invested what money they have been able to save in the Canadian war loan.

MILITARY ITEMS

The Western Scots still require 35 men to make the battalion complete. The vacancies have occurred through discharges. Only those of sound physique will be taken on, and men with previous experience are preferred as the battalion is expected to leave in a few days for England.

Major Arthur Small, C. O. No. 21 company, C. A. S. C., is at Duncan on military business connected with his department.

Eight battalions of military district No. 11 are to send representatives to take the course of physical instruction and bayonet work to be held at Winnipeg under Capt. Blaydon on February 29. The men will be absent about three weeks. On returning to British Columbia the men will undertake instruction of the battalions in this course.

Capt. Biggar's draft of 100 men for ambulance service has been selected, and is awaiting orders to proceed east. The officers are Captains B. B. Mann, T. A. Briggs and J. McNichol. When this draft goes there will be vacancies for a number of recruits.

Recruiting for the 102nd Battalion continues to progress in Victoria. Yesterday afternoon one recruiting sergeant added eight men to the battalion.

Lieut. C. D. G. Sprot, of the Scots Greys, and formerly a resident of Somenos, is reported wounded in the left arm. He left here shortly after the war began and obtained a commission in England.

The Bantam Battalion now has a strength of about 130 men, who are quartered at the Prince Rupert house, Bastion square. Squads of the recruits are engaged drilling on Bastion street and attract considerable notice. The little men appear to be particularly smart, and very soon there will be one uniformed company of them on parade.

WORE GAS HELMETS

Capt. G. Chalmers Johnson, Adjutant of 2nd C. M. R., Describes Going Through "Gassed" Trench.

In a recent letter Capt. G. Chalmers Johnson, adjutant of the 2nd C. M. R. now at the front, tells how the unit had some time shortly before the writing of his letter gone through a "gassed" trench. The experience was taken in the course of some special manoeuvres, given probably for the purpose of testing the efficacy and use of the "gas" helmets with which the troops are supplied. These helmets Capt. Johnson described as being of grey velvet with rounds of glass for the double purpose of protecting the eyes and at the same time affording an aperture through which they might see. Over that part of the helmet which fitted across the nose and mouth is flannel soaked in chemicals. By inhaling through this the soldier is immune to the deadly action of the chemical gasses which have been used throughout the war by the Germans. A tube is fitted for exhalation.

Capt. Johnson stated that after having passed unharmed through the dense clouds of pale green smoke fitted with these special masks the men felt no inconvenience to speak of other than the discomfort of wearing the helmet. But they noticed that their spurs were covered with verdigris, the action of the chemical gas on metal.

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